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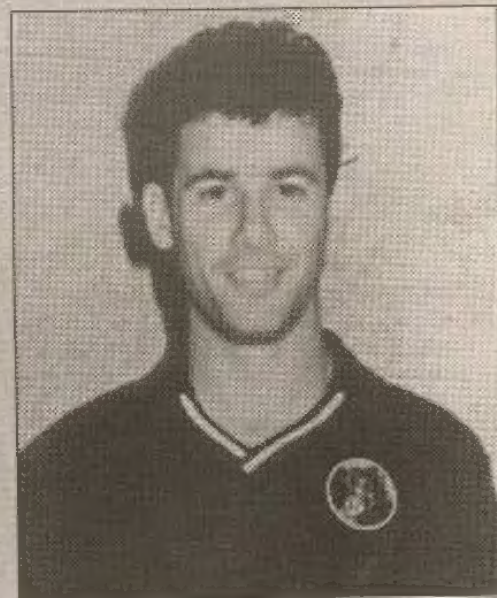
- 1) Which English legend finally called it a day, finishing an illustrious career with Chelsea last week?
- 2) Which Nottingham Forest player has gained notoriety for his close cropped flashy streak of hair?
- 3) Who was Southampton player of the year this season?
- 4) Which two English clubs will take on the Olyroos and the Socceroos respectively in the next month?
- 5) Who captained Leeds United under the management of Don Revie in the early 70's?
- 6) Who was measured as the fastest shot in this same champion side?
- 7) Which manager brought Everton to their knees mid-season in controversial circumstances?
- 8) Which Italian club has a \$3 million asset nicknamed Gazz sitting on the sidelines due to disagreements with the clubs boss over his favoured position?
- 9) Who holds the honor of being the first women's soccer player to be accepted at the Australian Institute of Sport and will also spearhead Australia's attack at the Women's World Cup tournament in Sweden next month?
- 10) Which Socceroo, playing overseas, is now the joint leading goal-scorer in the Belgian First Division?

Compiled by Darren Alley

STAR PROFILE No 59

Elias Augerinos

— SYDNEY OLYMPIC —



Date of Birth: October 31st, 1971
Birthplace: Sydney
Previous Clubs: St George
Current Club: Sydney Olympic
Position: Left back or left midfield
Nickname: EH
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Painter and Decorator
Best Aspect Of Your Game: Vision and left foot
Most Difficult Opponent In The NSL: All of them
Most Impressive Local Player: Ivan Dejesus in Sydney Olympic's Youth
Which Is Your Favourite Local Stadium: St George Stadium
Favourite Overseas Player: Hagl, Maldini, Lombardo
Favourite Overseas Club: A.C. Milan and Liverpool
Honours: Tour to New Zealand with Schoolboys
Ambitions In Soccer: To play at the highest level possible
Ambitions After Retiring: To work for my Father's Company
Most Memorable Moment: Making my debut in NSL for St. George in 1990 against Melbourne Knights (3-3)
Hobbies Outside Soccer: Jet ski-ing, Golf and Pool
Favourite Food: Greek food
Favourite Drink: Water
Car You Drive: Holden Ute-HSV-Maloo
Favourite TV Show: Models Inc
Favourite Movie: Pulp Fiction
Favourite Actor/Actress: Samuel L. Jackson
Preferred Music: Dance Music
Least Preferred Music: Heavy Metal
Favourite Comedian: Eddie Murphy
Pet Hates: Getting pulled over by the Highway Patrol
Special Advice To Young Players: To train and play hard and always listen carefully to your respective coaches
Person You Would Most Like To Meet: Fabio Capello

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

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Thomson expects tough battle from the Hammers

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

West Ham United who opened their Australian tour with a penalty-shoot-out loss and a draw (1-1) against Western Australia last Friday and Victoria last Sunday respectively, are expected to strongly bolster their first team for tomorrow (Wednesday) night's clash with Australia's Olympic Games team in Sydney with the expected arrival yesterday (Monday) of midfielder skipper Ian Bishop.

Bishop had delayed his departure from London to have a stomach muscle-strain checked out which the champion midfielder general had sustained in the Manchester United clash at Upton Park.

West Ham's manager, Harry Redknapp made the trip to Australia with Bishop yesterday as he also had to delay his departure from England due to the fact that his wife had to undergo a last minute operation for appendicitis.

Meanwhile veteran centre-back Alvin Martin



Goran Lozanovski: Supplying power down the right.

who did not play in the last four League matches for the Hammers, and was expected to make the trip with Bishop to Sydney yesterday, has pulled out of the team's Australian tour.

Eddie Thomson, coach of Australia's Olympic Games squad, is more than happy that his youngsters will be

facing two tough matches against the touring England Premier side, West Ham United this week.

Thomson is hoping that two of his overseas stars, striker Paul Agostino and tenacious defender Craig Moore, will arrive in Sydney sometime today (Tuesday) from Switzerland and Scotland respectively.

Thomson is very keen to use Moore in the Brisbane game and Agostino could come on in the second half for tomorrow night's match.

Australia meets West Ham tomorrow night (Wednesday) at the Marconi Stadium with kick-off set down for 7.30pm. The second match is on Saturday night at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium also starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets for tomorrow night's match are now on sale at Club Marconi as well as through Ticketek.

West Ham took the field last Sunday in its disappointing draw against Victoria without four of their big stars in John Moncur, Julian Dicks, Tony Cottee and Martin Allen.

But all four plus Bishop are expected to be named by

West Ham's manager Harry Redknapp in his line up tomorrow night against Australia's Olympic team.

Australia will be without ace-goal scorer Mark Viduka who is currently overseas on trials in Croatia.

It is expected that Thomson will now be forced to link up Adelaide City's blond marksman Bradley Hassell with Melbourne Knights' striker Joe Spiteri to spearhead Australia's attack.

Playmaker Ross Aloisi dropped out of the squad as did South Melbourne's centre-back Mike Valkanis who suffered a hamstring injury in a practice match against National Youth League champions Sydney United.

Coach Eddie Thomson and his assistant Raul Blanco rushed into the squad World Youth Championship left-midfielder Josip Skoko.

The two central markers will now be Sydney United's Mark Babic and Marconi's Luke Casserly.

Thomson stated last night to ABSW: "With our Olympic qualifiers coming up for the Atlanta Games, I more than welcome some tough opposition for my squad which I'm certain the 'Hammers' will provide us with.

"I fully expect West Ham to stretch us out and we will be concentrating on possession play as look how they hammered Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers and finally denied Manchester United their third straight League championship," ended Thomson.

Three new names have been drafted by Thomson into his Olympic squad.

Sydney United's talented striker Ante Milicic, West Adelaide's defender or left midfielder Richard Alagich and from the Irish club side Sligo Rovers William Hasty.

Australia's Olympic Games team last played in the Four Nations Tournament here last



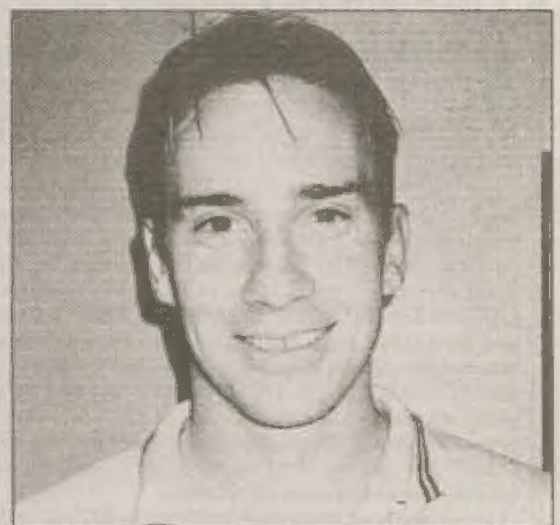
Peter Tsekenis: Coming in to fill central midfield role.

January involving Japan, Korea and Denmark which ended with the Danes being eventual winners.

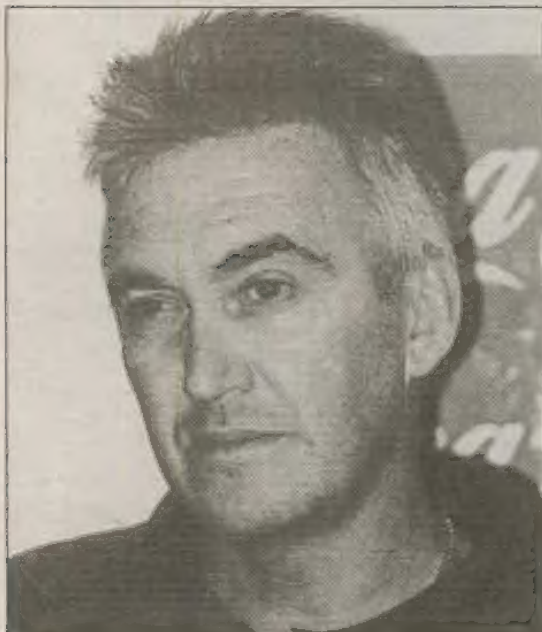
The Olympic Games squad Thomson has called into a training camp at Sydney's Parklea Complex last Sunday is:

Australia's Olympic Games Squad:

Frank Juric, Clint Bolton, Kevin Muscat (captain), Goran Lozanovski, Bradley Hassell, Vinko Buljubasic, Daniel Tiatto, Joe Spiteri, Peter Tsekenis, Joe Bakac, Sean Cranney, Mark Babic, Ante Moric, Ante Milicic, Frank Tibaldi, Richard Alagich, Luke Casserley, William Hasty.



Bradley Hassell: Coming in as striker.



Eddie Thomson: Looking forward to clashes with West Ham.

SIR ARTHUR BATS FOR THOMSON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SIR ARTHUR T. GEORGE, the former chief of the Australian Soccer Federation, came out with both guns blazing in very strong support for Australia's national coach Eddie Thomson last week.

Thomson who has been besieged over recent months with negative, utterly defamatory, if not scandalous publicity from the Inquiry, found unexpected support in Sir Arthur.

Sir Arthur vented his strong feelings over the Stewart Report which amongst many other recommendations, stated clearly that both Eddie Thomson and his assistant national coach Les Scheinflug be

instantly dismissed from their current national coaching positions.

An angry Sir Arthur stated to the Senate Committee last week:

"I disagree violently with the recommendation on Thomson and even more strongly over Scheinflug.

"If I had been President (of the ASF) and Thomson had not assisted Ned Zelic in transfer negotiations to the German club, Borussia Dortmund, he would have been severely reprimanded.

"I think Thomson did the right thing by going to Germany. If he is guilty, it is only an error of judgement and even if it is, you just don't destroy his life after 17 years of impeccable character and service to the country."

Sir Arthur went on to switch his

attack on the media, especially the electronic media, which over the past few months has continually downgraded Soccer by running numerous lead stories emanating with the release of the Stewart Report on "Soccer's scandal" regarding overseas transfers of Australian players.

Sir Arthur went on to score a second great goal for Soccer as he courageously burst out with "The electronic media is Rugby League and Australian Rules oriented, and its antagonism, especially on the makeup of Australian teams, tends to racism.

"Today's players represent our multicultural society and this is not accepted by a lot of people", stated the former national Soccer president.



Sir Arthur T. George: Goes in to bat for Eddie Thomson.



WEST HAM DOWN UNDER TOUR



WEST HAM UNITED 1895-1995

The actual name West Ham United, didn't eventuate until July 5th 1900, since they were originally called the Thames Ironworks Football Club, after London's last surviving premium shipbuilding company situated in Canning Town, West Ham.

The club was formed by Thames Ironworks owner Arnold F. Hills in the summer of 1895, and played their first games in Hermit Road. By 1899 'The Irons' were in the First Division of the Southern League, with other clubs such as Millwall, Tottenham and Southampton.

But although the team was successful, they were not able to attract a following at their new Memorial Grounds complex which was also home to a popular cycle race track.

In an effort to involve the local community, Hills severed the football club from the Ironworks and created a limited company called West Ham United.

In season 1901-02 the team finished fourth in the league which produced a small profit and season ticket sales doubled for the following season. But the following three years saw the club inflicted with substantial losses caused firstly by a wages increase of around 50% and then a drop in the sale of season tickets.

However a daring move to the Boleyn Ground, Upton Park in May 1904, proved to be the foundation of its success as a professional club. Their first home game was a 3-0 win against Millwall in the Southern League, and the first significant victory was in February 1911 when they defeated Manchester United in an FA Cup tie in front of a club record attendance of 24,800.

In that same year, George K. Webb became West Ham's first player capped for England.

In August 1919, West Ham entered the big time by joining the Football League second division. In 1923, they won promotion after finishing in second position, and also featured in the first FA Cup final at Wembley, where they lost to Bolton Wanderers 2-0.



They were relegated in 1932, and did not return to the top league until 1958. The following year they were able to buy the Boleyn Ground for 30,000 pounds.

In March 1961, Ron Greenwood replaced Ted Fenton as manager who had held the position since 1948. In May 1964, the Hammers won their first FA Cup final when they defeated Preston North End 3-1.

This enabled them to compete in the European Cup winners Cup which they also won, a quality 2-0 victory against TSV Munich 1860 that was played at Wembley. In 1966, West Ham players Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst featured strongly in England's triumph in the World Cup tournament. In the final against West Germany, Hurst (3) and Peters (1) were the goalscorers in a 4-2 win, and it was skipper Moore who lifted the Jules Rimet Trophy.

Billy Bonds arrived at West Ham in 1967 and as history shows, made a substantial contribution to the club with close to 800 appearances and then became manager for four years until last season. He was replaced by the club's eighth manager, former wizard of the wing Harry Redknapp.

Their current record attendance is 42,322 which saw them play Tottenham Hotspur on October 17, 1970. Their next achievement was another FA Cup win, this time a 2-0 result in 1975 against Fulham who by the cutest of coincidences, lined up with Bobby Moore. They won the Cup again in 1980 whilst in Division Two after dropping down two years earlier.

A single goal scored by Trevor Brooking was enough to beat London rivals Arsenal. The team was led by John Lyall who replaced Ron Greenwood in May 1977.

In the Cup Winners Cup the following year, West Ham were forced to play the second leg of their game against Spanish side Castilla behind closed doors. Writers labelled it as the 'ghost match'. UEFA issued the punishment following the behaviour of a few club supporters in Madrid a fortnight earlier.

In 1981, West Ham returned to Division One but lost to Liverpool in a League Cup final replay, after the first game was drawn at 1-1.

In 1986, the Hammers achieved their highest position to date, when they finished third in the first division. They were relegated in 1989, returned in 1991 where they also made the semi-final of the FA Cup, only to drop down once more the following season.

They returned to the top flight in season 1992/93 and have since been struggling again. Their only shining light for 1995 is that their Boleyn Ground complex has improved dramatically, the now all-seater will hold nearly 26,000.

It's been 15 years since they last saw any silverware, and nine years since they enjoyed a healthy position in the top league. No doubt their multitude of followers believe it is time this was rectified.

Victoria impressive against Hammers

VICTORIA 1 WEST HAM UNITED 1

BY DWYGH TUFFNELL

Twenty dollars a ticket is what some people paid to see what was virtually West Ham United's reserve side hold Victoria to a 1-1 draw at Olympic Park on Sunday.



Missing big names like Tony Cottee, Julian Dicks and John Moncur the Hammers fielded just three players that assistant coach Frank Lampard said were regular first teamers.

Injuries to most players on tour forced West Ham to use Heidelberg United's Peter Tsolakis as a guest player.

Victoria had the better of what was a disappointing game and took the lead a minute before half-time.

Fausto De Amicis' cross was guided to Paul Trimboli by John Markovski who had the easy job of beating 'keeper Ian Feuer from five yards.

The Hammers were on level terms seven minutes into the second period through 17-year-old Danny Shipp who headed in Steve Blaney's cross.

The Vics had the chances from then on in but couldn't beat the Hammers American 'keeper Feuer.

"I thought that we did enough to win the game" said Victorian coach Ian Dobson after the game.

"The four chances we created in the second half were good chances and it was sad that we couldn't go on and win the game.

"I was very disappointed in West Ham in regards that they didn't give a good account of themselves, it was very disappointing from a public point of view that West Ham turned up and didn't give a very good performance."

"Our performance for us today was below par" Hammers assistant Lampard commented.

"I thought that Victoria was very good, especially in the first half and I thought that we were lucky to come in at half-time just one goal down.

"They let us off the hook in



Paul Trimboli: Put Victoria in front just before half-time against the Hammers.

the second half so we were pleased to come away with a 1-1 draw."

Lampard also said that it was likely that the Hammers would be at full strength for the clash with the Olyroos on Wednesday night with Cottee, Dicks and Moncur all expected to be included.

VICTORIA:
Juric (Anastadiadis 45m), Tiatto, De Amicis, Marth, Fak, Muscat, Silic (Awaritefe 71m), Wade, Trajeski (Skoko 60m), Trimboli, Markovski.

WEST HAM:
Feuer, Breacker, Webster (McPherson 73m), Whitbread, Potts, Williamson, Hutchison, Blaney, Currie (Tsolakis 73m), Watson, Shipp.

REFEREE: Gerry Connolly
CROWD: Approx. 3500

FOREST SINKS SINGAPORE

English Premier League club Nottingham Forest, on its way to Australia, defeated Singapore's national soccer team 3-1 last Saturday.

Ion Wonn opened scoring in the 20th minute off a cross by Stan Collymore. Fandi Ahmad equalised for Singapore with a solo effort two minutes into the second half.

Collymore, still to decide his future at Forest, weaved through defenders to put Nottingham back in front

before Gary Bull hit a third goal in the 86th minute.

Forest, which finished third behind Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United in the just-completed English season, is playing two matches in Australia later this week.

On Wednesday night, Forest play National Soccer League runner-up Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium followed by a match against Western Australia at the WACA Ground on Saturday.

West Ham's best to test Australia

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

West Ham's manager, Harry Redknapp, who arrived in Sydney yesterday (Monday) from London to join his squad, is expected to select his strongest line-up for tomorrow (Wednesday) night's first clash with Australia's Olympic Games side at the Marconi Stadium.

Tour promoter, Mr Gary Williams, stated from Melbourne on Sunday night: "Australia will know that they have been in a game on Wednesday night."

"The Hammers who are known in British Soccer as the 'Football Academy' will turn it on in Sydney I promise you that."

"Most of the players were very critical of Olympic Park's playing surface for the Victorian match."

"But I assured them that the surface of the Marconi pitch will make for most attractive open play football which they all



HARRY REDKNAPP: West Ham's manager determined for a result.

look forward to," ended Mr Williams.

West Ham currently touring Australia and who have played against State

sides from Western Australia and Victoria, are still without a win.

West Ham players have suffered criticism for



some lukewarm performances to date.

But that is expected to all change tomorrow night.

Redknapp is expected to field his strongest line-up to date by including all of his big guns in the side.

Experienced goalkeeper, the 37-year-old Les Sealey is expected to takeover the gloves from 25-year-old Ian Feuer who played last Sunday against Victoria.

West Ham's American sweeper and skipper, Steve Potts, despite his lack of height is dynamic and very pacy in the lateral-defending department.

Potts was blocked from selection in the USA team for last year's World Cup Finals because of previous Youth team appearances for England.

Star attacking left-back, Julian Dicks also will play in the Sydney match to counter Australia's dynamic powerhouse line-breaker, Goran Lozanovski.

Dicks a powerful defender who relishes coming down the line, is also known as "Terminator II".

Ian Bishop, the Hammers' central midfield general, only arrived in Sydney yesterday.

Bishop was delayed back in London for a medical check for strained stomach muscles he suffered in the last League match against United.

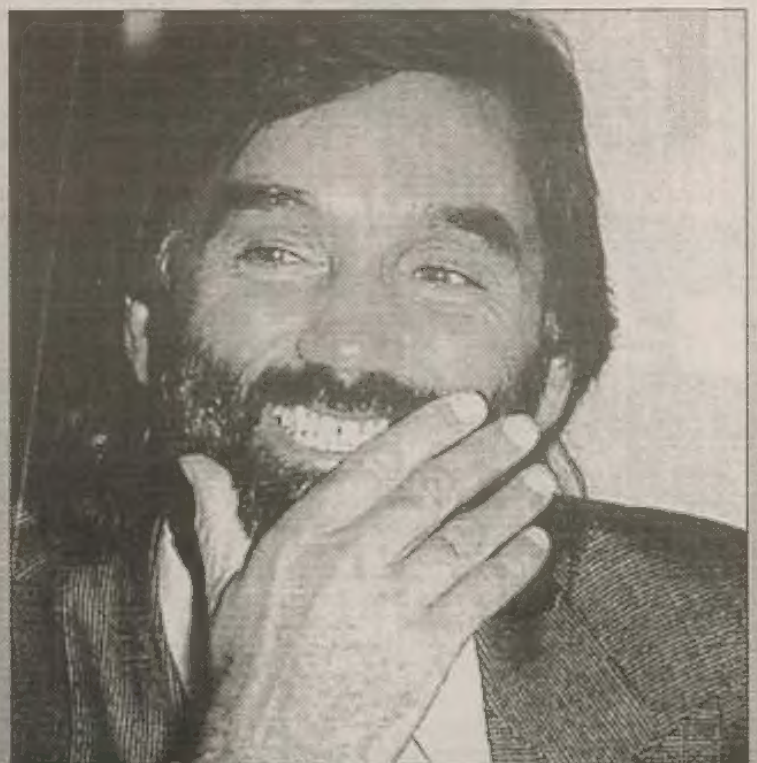
Bishop will be flanked in the centre-line by John Moncur on the right with Martin Allen on the left.

Australia's young defenders, marshalled by steely captain and sweeper, Kevin Muscat, will have their hands full as they face the Hammers' dynamic strike-duo, Tony Cottee and Trevor Morley with the lanky Don Hutchison raiding in with support play from deep midfield.



JULIAN DICKS: Star left back.

GEORGIE BEST MARRIES AGAIN



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

GEORGE BEST, arguably the best Soccer player to have walked onto a playing pitch, is about to walk down the aisle again.

The incredible former Manchester United genius flanker, just 12 months short of his 50th birthday, is about to marry a attractive 23-year-old flight attendant.

Best, who off the pitch only had the best (including two former Miss Worlds) as girlfriends, last week stated in Britain: "I didn't believe in love at first sight until I met Alex."

George was referring to the highly attractive airline stewardess Alex Pursey who is about to become Ms Best Mark 2.



STEVE POTTS: Hammers' captain and sweeper.

KEEP THE SEAT WARM

Dear Sir,
Natalija Krsticevic's view of the way our game will evolve will eventually be shown to be wrong.

We are very thankful for the passion and the money that the Croatians and others have put into the game. It has forced us to raise our expectations from the local kick-around with our mates to the possibility of high class entertainment provided weekly by professional players.

If clubs adopt the Natalija approach they will merely be keeping the seat warm for clubs that generate wider appeal. They will emerge because the memories and enthusiasms that will be their lifeblood will be of people that have daily absorbed this country's ways.

It is too hard, neigh impossible, to do it the Natalija way. In the meantime we have to be patient because in our beautiful free country if you want to yell Croatia! or Juve! at a game go ahead even if it makes it mighty hard to share your commitment.

Tony Muscat,
Lugarno NSW.

FAIR GO, LES

Dear Sir,
It is with interest that I read the make-up of the Under 17 Australian team, and surprise surprise — 10 New South Wales Boys — Not one Queenslander.

The young talent in this state deserves better — a lot better.

One Young QAS team is the equal of any youth team, with a number of very talented lads. I do hope that Les Scheinflug will spend at least a whole day on the Barrier Reef. He will then be able to say that he has visited our state.

Australian soccer needs a giant shake-up and possibly a couple of new and positive coaches who are prepared to select a true Australian team, not restricted to one state.

I believe that Scheinflug selects his team so that he can easily gather them together for training and preparation. That is not the way to put together the best team.

A little fair play, Les — and maybe a more positive approach in the next World Youth Cup.

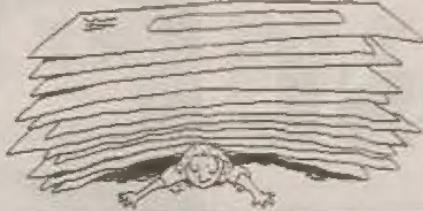
Your performance of recent times has been negative to say the least.

You have a big job ahead of you, Mr Hill.

P. Dawson,
Grovely Qld.

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NOT THAT FAR AWAY

Dear Sir,

As a neutral, former-pommie observer, I would like to suggest a bit of understanding from both sides on the ethnic issue.

The ethnic administrators and fans have to stop and ask themselves where do they want to go? If they continue along the same road, e.g. placing emphasis on their countries of origin/ethnic communities rather than the local neighbourhood/town, they will be continually stuck with an Australian soccer league where gates and standards of play are comparable to the English Vauxhall Conference (5th division in real terms).

Mostly Italians will watch Marconi - Greeks, South Melbourne - Croatians, Melbourne Knights etc.

Australian soccer fanatics will not go where they are not welcome and even the thousands of Britons living here, who once regularly frequented the terraces of Anfield, Old Trafford, Highbury and Ibrox prefer to hand over their cash to help the lost causes of Eastern Suburbs and Balmain Tigers rugby league clubs.

Any footballer worth his salt will be off to play for some lowly Dutch league club where incidentally, the gates are not that much higher than those of clubs like Sydney Olympic.

That's how close this country is to creating a real professional league where, we would not only be able to keep the likes of Vidmar, Van Blerk etc, but be able to import good, solid, European professionals who



David Hill: According to reader P. Dawson of Grovely, Qld, Mr Hill has a big job ahead of him with Aussie soccer.

could form the backbone of a strong and competitive league.

All the ingredients are there - except the extra supporters necessary to lift the game into the big time. And those extra supporters HAVE to come from outside the ethnic communities, who jealously protect their soccer clubs from not only intruders, but also helpers.

'Native' Australians on the other hand should accept the fact that what little success soccer HAS achieved in this typical ex-British-colonial-oval-ball-orientated society, has been due almost entirely to the Euro-ethnic communities.

Therefore, it is only fair that some permanent marks of each club's origins be allowed to remain in the same way as AC Milan retain the original Anglified spelling of their name (without the 'o' at the end).

If the supporters of the world's richest football club

are not too proud to display their English origins, then neither should Australian soccer fans feel that supporting Marconi would be a political sell-out to the wogs.

However the ball is in the court of the ethnic communities.

They need Australians and their cash more than vice-versa, and so they are the ones who have to reach out.

So, what is it to be? The way things are going, Australia could soon be left, alone with New Zealand, as the only countries in the booming Pacific region, without a pro soccer league. (*Even Hong Kong has one).

With a population and standard of living comparable to Holland's, there is no need to spell it out where Australia could stand in the hierarchy of world football. But, it will never be achieved by the ethnics alone.

Henry Wiggler,
Forrestville, NSW

The following letters appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on May 13, 1995.

"Soccer-type" punishment required

Dear Sir,

I could not help but smile as I read Steve Muscard's report (Herald, May 9) on Monday night's Manly v Bulldogs match at Parramatta.

The report notes, in the second paragraph, that: "Three major brawls erupted on the terraces..."

And a few sentences later quotes Bob Fulton as saying:

"There were fights in the crowd and parents putting their kids over the fence to protect them — it was a soccer-type performance."

Beyond that, these "three major brawls" did not rate a mention.

Perhaps this is how it should be. But soccer lovers among your readers might be excused for asking themselves, and your journalist, why this "soccer-type performance" was not given a "soccer-type treatment", with graphic pictures, attention-grabbing headlines and a blow-by-blow description of the brawl.

Dare I suggest that this is just another example of the type of biased reporting which soccer seems to have to endure through sections of the media?

John Harvey, Blaxland, NSW

MORE THAN A BUNCH OF SHIRTS

Dear Sir,

So Jeff Wells (Herald, May 8) thinks that only a republic, a super league and an easier ride for the Socceroos can save Australian Soccer? How about an end to transfer corruption, a fully professional NSL and silence from ignorant columnists?

If Wells thinks that clubs' ethnicity will be seriously on the agenda at the upcoming "soccer summit", then he is living in the past. If he bothered to attend NSL matches he might notice that we all stand and sing the Australian national anthem before the kick-off.

What Wells mistakes as mindless jingoism is in fact the fierce sense of identity soccer fans feel with their club that is so clearly absent from the other codes.

It is unbelievable to a soccer fan that there has been no audible protest from league fans over Murdoch's super league. Don't they care that their clubs are being bought and sold like stocks and shares?

In the other codes so beloved of Jeff Wells, entire clubs up sticks and move interstate, new clubs are invented to satisfy marketing demographics, ancient clubs are repackaged or lost altogether in battles between media moguls, and dud clubs are kept alive to make up the numbers.

A soccer club is more than just a bunch of shirts or another weapon in a rating war.

Jonathan Sykes, Glebe, NSW

Racial taunts for Francis



BY PAUL MILLAR OF AAP

Black soccer star Francis Awaritefe (above) says racial taunts from Melbourne Knights fans during a charity match prompted him to try harder.

London-born Awaritefe, who has Nigerian parents, was the target of racial chants after scoring the opening goal for South Melbourne at the Croatian Sports Centre on last Sunday week.

The crowd could clearly be heard chanting "nigger, nigger, nigger" after he slipped the ball into the net.

"It was just some idiots behind the goals who chanted some racist stuff," the striker said.

"Basically it shows how ignorant they are. It just focused me more on what I had to do," he added.

Awaritefe said racial abuse was nothing new to him, but stressed it was not widespread in soccer.

"Melbourne Knights are the only people I seem to have problems from, but when I played for the Knights I used to get it from South, they were probably the two worst for it," he said.

He said he did not take the abuse personally.

"I use it to motivate me," he said.

South defeated the national league champions 2-1 in the game with the proceeds going to the Austin Hospital Cancer Research Foundation.

Racial abuse claims have made headlines across the country after Aboriginal AFL star Michael Long revealed he had been abused by Collingwood player Damian Monkhorst during the Anzac Day game at the MCG.



Five clubs ready for NSL admission

BY ALFRED HIATT

The National Soccer League, which struggled without a sponsor in 1994/95, has received applications from five clubs for admittance to the 1995/96 competition. Blacktown City, Leichhardt Tigers, Newcastle Breakers, Port Melbourne Sharks and Preston Lions all see their future in the NSL.

However, none of the clubs contacted by ABSW was sure when the Australian Soccer Federation was making its decision, or when they would be interviewed.

Canberra Cosmos have already been accepted into next season's competition, while a Perth team are scheduled for entry in 1996/97.



No teams were promoted or relegated prior to last season, though the Breakers dropped out just before the league kicked off.

For the 1993/94 season, Preston was relegated, and

FACT BLACKTOWN CITY FILE

Name: Blacktown City Demons

Playing Strip: Black, Red, White

Ground: Gabbie Stadium

Coach: Ken Schembri

■ The Demons own their ground, Gabbie Stadium, and a licensed club.

■ Blacktown have an assurance from a major corporate sponsor for substantially increased funding over a three-year period, should the club be re-admitted to the NSL.

■ The club's trading profits have surged over the last five months.

■ By the year 2010 the club will be situated in the third most populous area in Australia, according to local government figures.

■ The Demons have a distinguished record in the NSW Super League.

■ Coach Schembri believes the club would need two high-calibre players to make the team competitive at NSL level.

the Brunswick Pumas promoted from Victorian State League.

This week, ABSW looks at three of the candidates for NSL promotion:

BLACKTOWN CITY

Blacktown City can do the business in the

National League.

That's the message from Demons coach and football manager, Ken Schembri.

The club has based its application to join the NSL on its financial strength, and its location in a rapidly growing area of Sydney.

"It's very hard to argue against us on business grounds," says Schembri.

"We have worked very hard to set up our junior base and infrastructure.

"The National League requires a geographically-based business organisation, and we clearly satisfy that criteria.

"We wouldn't invest our members' money if we weren't sure we were ready."

LEICHHARDT TIGERS

A new broom has swept through one of Australia's oldest clubs, with the express intention of restoring it to National League prominence.

Led by club president Tony Raciti and his lieutenant Vince Aiello, the Leichhardt Tigers (formerly

FACT LEICHHART TIGERS FILE

Name: Leichhardt Tigers

Club Colours: Maroon, Light Blue

Ground: Leichhardt Oval (if admitted to NSL)

Coach: Tony Pezzano

■ The Tigers have the use of five grounds, including a 10-year lease at Lambert Park. If admitted to the NSL, the club plans to use Leichhardt Oval when Sydney Olympic are playing away.

■ The club is currently sponsored by Alitalia. In addition, the APIA Club Ltd. indirectly sponsors the Tigers.

■ The Tigers run lucrative "Pump Discos", and, according to the club's application, receive an net average \$2,770 per disco.

■ The club controls 31 teams from juniors to the NSW Super League.

■ The club, NSL champions in 1987, will look to buy another five or six players, if it re-joins the National League.

■ The Tigers say they are leaving their ethnic heritage behind, and claim to represent all of Sydney's inner west.



APIA SC) are eager to return to the NSL.

Raciti believes the club should be given the chance to prove itself in the National League, based on its financial, playing, and geographic strengths.



Raciti: Give us a chance.

"Leichhardt Tigers is now getting away from its ethnic background, and is there for the whole community of the inner west of Sydney," Raciti told ABSW.

"The social club is trading strongly, and will continue to play a major role in the success of the Leichhardt Tigers."

Raciti predicted the Tigers board will effectively take over the social club in 18 months time, when the current administrator stands down.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

The Newcastle Breakers are back — and, if you believe their publicity, they're better than ever.

Just seven months after dramatically crashing out of the NSL, the Breakers are hammering on the door for re-admission.

This time around, things will be different, according to Promotions Manager Shane Johnson.

FACT NEWCASTLE BREAKERS FILE

Name: Newcastle Breakers

Club colours: Red, Blue

Ground: Austral Park

Coach: To be announced

■ A private consortium of 14 local business people now controls the fortunes of the Breakers.

■ The consortium owns the licensed club, and the club's ground, Austral Park.

■ The club is currently negotiating with a major sponsor.

■ Sponsorship money will be used to recruit players, and upgrade facilities.

■ The club is now debt-free, thanks to a deal between Peat Marwick and secured and unsecured creditors.

■ The Breakers draw junior talent from a vast area of Northern New South Wales.

NEXT WEEK: Preston Lions, Port Melbourne Sharks.



Darren Stewart: His club Newcastle want in.

"The big plus is we're going into the National League debt free," says Johnson.

"The former Breakers had to service debts, and that put a big strain on the financial plight of the club.

"We don't owe anyone a cent, so everything will go back into players and facilities."



Marconi chase Middleby

BY ALFRED HIATT

Glamour club Marconi-Fairfield are keen to add speedy Young Socceroo striker Robbie Middleby (right) to their attack.

Marconi coach Manfred Schaefer confirmed the Stallions had approached Middleby.

"He and Mark [Viduka] were the outstanding players of the World Youth Championships," said Schaefer.

"And [Middleby] is going to get a lot better."

Middleby, a former scholarship holder at the Australian Institute of Sport, started his NSL career with the Newcastle Breakers.

When the Breakers folded, the 19-year-old front man joined David Ratcliffe's Wollongong Wolves.

Middleby started five games, scored two goals, and came off the substitutes' bench 15 times for the Wolves in the 1994/95



NSL season.

He played in all four of the Young Socceroo's games at the recent World Youth Cup in Qatar, forming a productive partnership with Viduka.

KENNETT WANTS 2006 WORLD CUP

Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett (right) said last week he would support an Australian bid to host the 2006 World Cup but said the chances were "fundamentally zilch" if Japan won the rights to the 2002 event.

Mr Kennett last year embarrassed Australian soccer officials when the Victorian government independently approached soccer's world ruling body FIFA to host the 2002 World Cup.

Mr Kennett dismissed his statement as "not very knowledgeable".

The Premier said Australia had missed its best chance by not bidding for 2002.

"Well, I can only say to George, welcome aboard," he told reporters.

"It is now being decided where 2002 will be played and there is a very good chance if it goes to Japan that



they won't play the next cup four years later in the same sector of the world.

"We should have gone for 2002 but the soccer officials, the past soccer officials who are no longer there, quite inappropriately did a deal that excluded us from competing."

The Australian Soccer Federation supported Japan's bid to host the tournament.

Mr Kennett said he planned to attend the Australian Soccer Federation forum and would encourage the nation's leading coaches, players and administrators who will consider the feasibility of hosting the World Cup in 11 years.

"But in terms of the order of possibilities (for) 2006, if Japan wins the 2002 rights, the probabilities are fundamentally zilch."

France is hosting the 1998 World Cup and Japan is a favourite to be chosen as the venue for the 2002 event.



SERGIO MELTA CALLS IT A DAY



The great Australian warrior retires at 445

BY PETER KRUPKA

Veteran Adelaide City player Sergio Melta will retire from soccer after 20 years playing for the club and 445 national league games, citing business commitments and a new

era at the club as the reasons for his decision.

Including cup matches, Melta has represented Adelaide City 502 times and will play his final match for the club against visiting English premier league team Nottingham Forest at the

Hindmarsh Stadium next Wednesday.

With coach Zoran Matic choosing to leave after 10 years as coach, he said the time was right for him to give the game away and let Adelaide City start a new era.

"I decided at the start of last year that this year would be my last and the way things panned out, now is as good a time as any to retire," Melta said.

"With the players around (Adelaide City) at the moment, I think it's going to be a new era for soccer in South Australia. I've think I've had my turn. I've had a fantastic innings."

He said his privately run hairdressing salon and his family also needed more of his attention.

"I've never made soccer the be all and end all of what I do.

It's just an extension of something I do and it just happens to be something I do well," he said.

"My business now needs more attention from me and there are other (business) areas I'm looking at that I could pursue."

Melta, 36, played in the first season of the NSL in 1977 and represented Australia twice between 1987 and 1989.

If there was one thing he regretted, it was that he did not play more international soccer.

"I always wish I could have played more for Australia but I'm not a person who dwells on the past. It wasn't to be and that's the way it was," he said.

NSL player of the year in 1984, Melta won the Adelaide City best and fairest award in 1984 and 1988.

Matic, who will coach City for the last time in the match against Forest and also played with Melta in the early days of the NSL, said the defender's decision to retire was a terrible loss to the club.

"It's a sad day but the day had to come," Matic said.

"I've played the game with a lot of players and coached a lot of players but no-one is more devoted to a club than Serge," he said.

Melta said having the SA Soccer Federation name the award for the best player in the state league after him was the greatest personal honour he had received in the sport.

While he said he had no intention of being involved in top level soccer for at least two years, Melta added he could return to the game as a coach one day.

"Coaching's an option. A lot of players get out of the game and don't come back," he said.

"The game has given me so much pleasure — I think I need to put something back."



Champion: Sergio Melta celebrates Adelaide's 1993/94 NSL title.



Unsung hero: By his own admission, Sergio Melta did not gain the recognition he deserved.



Class of '86: Adelaide City's championship winning team. Back Row (l-r): Paul Wilde, Neville Flounders, Gary Higgins, William McNally, Charlie Viallini, Adrian Santrac, Stephen Maxwell, Andrew Delmedico, Brian Bannon. Front Row (l-r): Paul Shillabeer, Alex Tobin, Bussy Nyskohus (captain), Aurelio Vidmar, Joe Mullen, Sergio Melta.

THE GREAT SUCCESS STORY

SPECIAL FEATURE

BY
ASF NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
STEVE DARBY

When I visited AC Milan, I asked them how highly they rated their youth program. Their youth coach proudly spoke of Baresi and Albertini coming through their system, and how he is delighted if one player every two years comes through the youth system into the first team.

This view puts into perspective the volume of players that can be expected to be gained through a youth program. For the reality is, that a good youth player does not always evolve into a great player and it is even rarer for the youth player to make an immediate transition into senior soccer. This is why Mark Viduka is so highly rated and in the most complimentary way, is in fact a freak!!

Therefore if we look at the conveyor belt of talent



Ron Smith, head coach of the AIS:
Finally getting recognition.

that is being churned out at the AIS then we really have a footballing goldmine. Joao Havelange, the president of FIFA, publicly praised the work of the AIS.

on the TV show, Football Mundial and International Football Associations are continually sending coaches to Canberra to see "what we are doing right."

Also, the number of Olyroos and Socceroos who are graduates of the AIS is perhaps the best case of action speaking louder than words.

Ron Smith, the AIS head coach said "the place via the performance of our playing graduates, is now getting the recognition that it deserves. It used to disappoint me when I heard the unfounded criticism of the place.

"Until I realised that this was only coming from a very small minority who in fact have never had the courtesy or the professionalism to come and objectively assess the program.

"I welcome feedback from any person who has come to spend time with us. Anybody who professes to know it all in football is crazy.

"However, I now treat the 'sniping' as a sad epitaph as I am more than pleased with the quality of the people who do make regular visits here, and do have quality input into the program.

"In particular I am delighted with the support of the national coaches Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug who are always contributing their world experience to the program.

"Also coaches such as Branco Cullina, Dave Ratcliffe, Berti Mariani, Kenny Murphy, Bobby McLachlan, Raul Blanco and Bruce Stowell are constant visitors to the program and to our matches.

"They realise the value our players have and what future value they will have for them."

Of the Young Socceroos who recently played in Qatar eight of the starting 11 were recent graduates of the AIS (Bolton, Plesa, Rudan, Bilokapic, Skoko, Enes, Middelby and of course Viduka). This youth side that destroyed Germany is living proof that our young players from the AIS and NSL clubs are on the right path.

Ned Zelic himself a graduate of the AIS said, "There were only three or four Bundesliga players missing and if you remember that Germany has a massive population, with football as the number one sport then I was so proud of the lads. I think it is stupid to devalue our performance by saying it wasn't the Germans full team.

"They have hundreds of full-time pros to pick from and it is a bit of a naive criticism to say that Germany relies on three or four players.

"Anyway we didn't have Aloisi or Moore! So it wasn't our full team. I thought the Young Socceroos were great in Qatar and I reckon I could be playing against some of them quite soon."

The conveyor belt of players is continuing to produce players and with the introduction of the ITC programs at state levels and the importance placed on youth development at NSL clubs we will see more and more quality players being produced and very few will be missed from the talent search.

The overseas exodus has in its own way been a boon to young players as they are getting a chance at the highest level earlier. It is too easy to jump on the nostalgia bandwagon and say the NSL is not as good as it



Gary Marocchi: Part of the new era of coaches.



Joao Havelange: Praise for the AIS.

used to be.

I recently spoke to two ex-NSL players with a couple of hundred games between them (Tony Henderson and Tom Sermanni) and they both said the same thing, that whilst the "star" such as Vieri or Marton is missing the younger Australian Player is now light years ahead in both technique and fitness to those playing in their days and the league is so much faster.

Neither would have fancied playing against Rudan or Viduka and our most capped (and undervalued) star John Kosmina said he is genuinely envious of the kids today and looks forward to his son grasping the opportunities available.

Also it is pleasing to see the new era of coaches such as O'Connor, Merrick, Oliver, Marocchi, Crook and Brown actively involved in coaching at the ITC level and Kosmina, Watson, Ratcliffe, Katholos, Robertson, Postecoglou and Perin (just to name a few ex-star players) who are working at club level.

The AIS is now not an isolated aspect of the Australian game but is an integral part in the player development path from a young Rooballer to a Young Socceroo. No one person or institution makes a player. It is a combination of genetics, a football environment which creates a passion for the game, good coaching and even a little bit of luck at times!

As Eddie Thomson said whilst in Qatar "a number of countries were visiting

Nepfer of FIFA has said that the Australian coaching and development system is recognised world wide as a model to follow.

The quest for success is endless and recently the AIS and the ASF brought out Leal from Brazil and Panagoulis from Greece to see what other nations are doing, so we can continue to update our knowledge. Plus whenever the J.League sides come to Australia with star coaches such as Hans Ooft and Wim Jansen, their sessions are monitored and noted and passed out through the coaching network.

Nobody is resting on their laurels and Australia is still aiming high. All are welcome to be part of this quest as all parts of the production of a player are essential.

So next time you see the mum or dad helping the group of seven-year-olds in the park have a good look and join in the fun. There could well be a Viduka or Zelic out there, as that's where it all starts.



Ned Zelic:
Proud of the Young Socceroos.



Dave Ratcliffe:
Constant visitor to the AIS sessions.



John Kosmina:
Envious of today's kids.



Mark Viduka:
"A freak".

10-MAN DOLPHINS THUMP CHAMPIONS

ROUND 13 WRAP UP

BY VINCE BATTIATO

In the game of the round, last year's Champions Bankstown — currently in a form slump, travelled to Cromer Park where the Dolphins have shown some fiery form this year.

The earlier game this season had finished in a 2-2 draw so goals were definitely expected in abundance from both sides. It didn't take long with the Dolphins hitting the front through a Craig Sharpley strike in the 25th minute.

Things could have taken a sharp turn for the Dolphins when central defender Steve Hickman was sent off for a second bookable offence minutes before half-time.

But Bankstown failed to capitalise on the extra man advantage and that's the way it stayed until the 69th minute when Dolphins skipper Ross Etherington looked to have sealed a hard fought win by netting the second for Warringah.

As if the loss itself wasn't already bad enough for Bankstown they fell in a



heap late in the game. Lanky striker Stuart Cleary popped up for two goals in a three minute spell and a seemingly tight affair had become a rout.

A late consolation for Bankstown with three minutes to go by Sash Petrovski left the scoreboard reading 4-1 to the home side, who stay on top of the ladder.

Elsewhere, two first-half goals were enough for title contenders Blacktown to defeat bottom placed Adamstown and remain just one point behind the Dolphins.

A fourth minute strike by Adam Whan and a 42nd minute winner by Sarkis Boudaher were enough to see off a spirited Buds side who had struck themselves just one minute earlier through Clayton Zane.

Manfred Shaefer's Rockdale have had a recent stumbling block recently —

they keep surrendering two-goal leads.

They did it a few weeks ago but were still fortunate enough to run out 4-2 winners, but against last year's grand finalists Canterbury, their fortunes were not as rewarding.

John Pillemer and Zlatko Markovski had the Suns 2-0 up with goals in the 49th and 58th minutes respectively, but they soon fell apart letting Canterbury in for two goals in the last 16 minutes.

Steve Christoforidis pulled one back in the 74th while Zoran Ilic had the honour of rescuing the points with nine minutes remaining.

In other matches, a C.Minol goal after 20 minutes was enough to give the visiting Illawarra Lions a 1-0 away victory over the inconsistent Bonnyrigg.

Peter Katholos' St.George came from behind to win convincingly 4-1 against Stanmore at Wentworth Park producing some of their best football of the season including livewire games from ex-Sydney Olympic juniors John Buonavoglia and Ivo De Jesus, while Leichhardt and Macarthur and Mt

Druitt Town and Sutherland fought out 0-0 draws.

SUPER LEAGUE DRAW

ROUND 15: FRIDAY 26TH MAY, 1995

Illawarra v Mt. Druitt Brandon Park 7:45pm

SATURDAY 27TH MAY, 1995

Sutherland v Leichhardt Seymour Shaw 7:00pm
Blacktown City v Rockdale Gabbie Stadium 6:00pm

SUNDAY 28TH MAY, 1995

Macarthur v Adamstown Lynwood Park 3:00pm
Canterbury v Stanmore Arlington Oval 3:00pm
St. George v Warringah St. George Stadium 3:00pm
Bankstown City v Bonnyrigg Jensen Park 3:00pm

1ST DIVISION DRAW ROUND 12:

SATURDAY 27TH MAY, 1995

Fairfield v Central Coast Ninevah Field 3:00pm
Southern Minotaurs v Mt.Pritchard Hurstville Oval 3:00pm
Belmore v West Wanderers Blick Oval 3:00pm

SUNDAY 28TH MAY, 1995

Auburn Utd v Ryde City Mona Park 3:00pm
Liverpool v Hills United Emie Smith Res. 3:00pm
Syd. Cosmos v Dulwich Hill Wentworth Park 3:00pm

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ROUND FOURTEEN									
SUPER LEAGUE									
FIRST GRADE									
Leichhardt Tigers	0	Macarthur Rams	0						
Blacktown City	2	Adamstown R'bud	1						
Rockdale Suns	2	Canterbury Berries	2						
Stanmore Hawks	1	St George Saints	4						
Warringah Dolphins	4	Bankstown City Lions	1						
Bonnyrigg WE	0	Illawarra Lions	1						
Mt Druitt Town Ranger	0	Sutherland Sharks	0						
UNDER 21									
Leichhardt Tigers	4	Macarthur Rams	0						
Blacktown City	P	Adamstown R'bud	0						
Rockdale Suns	2	Canterbury Berries	2						
Stanmore Hawks	1	St George Saints	0						
Warringah Dolphins	0	Bankstown City Lions	1						
Bonnyrigg WE	1	Illawarra Lions	1						
Mt Druitt Town Ranger	1	Sutherland Sharks	4						
UNDER 18									
Leichhardt Tigers	1	Macarthur Rams	4						
Blacktown City	P	Adamstown R'bud	P						
Rockdale Suns	4	Canterbury Berries	1						
Stanmore Hawks	2	St George Saints	4						
Warringah Dolphins	1	Bankstown City Lions	1						
Bonnyrigg WE	4	Illawarra Lions	2						
Mt Druitt Town Ranger	3	Sutherland Sharks	0						

SUPER LEAGUE									
1ST GRADE									
Warringah	13	9	2	0	2	26	10	16	31
Blacktown City	13	10	0	0	3	21	8	13	30
Canterbury M'ville	13	5	3	2	3	15	16	-1	23
**Bankstown City	12	6	2	0	4	24	18	6	22
Leichhardt Tigers	13	5	2	0	3	14	10	4	22
Sutherland Sharks	13	5	2	0	5	14	14	0	19
Rockdale Suns	12	5	0	3	4	17	17	0	19
Bonnyrigg Eagles	13	5	1	0	7	18	16	2	17
Illawarra Lions	13	4	2	1	6	19	26	-7	17
St George Saints	12	3	3	1	5	16	19	-3	16
Macarthur Rams	13	4	1	2	6	8	17	-9	16
Mt Druitt Town	13	4	1	1	7	18	23	-5	15
Stanmore Hawks	13	2	2	2	7	9	21	-12	12
Adamstown R'bud	12	2	1	1	8	11	15	-4	9
**Bankstown City Lions	to be deducted 4 points at the end of the season								

UNDER 21									
Bonnyrigg Eagles	13	8	4	0	1	43	11	32	32
Blacktown City	12	9	2	1	0	28	6	20	32
Bankstown City	12	7	2	0	3	27	17	10	25
Leichhardt Tigers	12	7	2	0	0	3	26	17	9
Canterbury M'ville	13	5	4	0	4	22	25	-3	23
Adamstown R'bud	11	5	1	1	3	14	9	5	21
Warringah Dolphins	13	5	2	0	6	24	20	4	19
Rockdale Suns	12	5	1	1	5	24	22	2	18
Sutherland Sharks	13	6	0	0	7	18	24	-6	18
Macarthur Rams	13	3	4	0	6	24	29	-5	17
Mt Druitt Town	13	4	2	1	6	13	22	-9	17
Stanmore Hawks	13	3	2	0	8	9	28	-19	13
Illawarra Lions	13	3	1	0	9	18	43	-25	11
St George Saints	11	0	1	0	10	6	21	-15	2

UNDER 18									
Blacktown City	12	10	0	0	2	51	6	45	30
Sutherland Sharks	13	7	1	1	4	25	16	9	24
Bankstown City	12	6	2	1	3	27	18	9	23
St George Saints	11	5	4	0	2	15	12	3	23
Mt Druitt Town	12	7	0	1	4	22	12	10	22
Canterbury M'ville	12	5	3	1	3	23	20	3	22
Bonnyrigg Eagles	13	3	6	0	4	26	25	1	21
Macarthur Rams	13	5	3	0	5	18	23	-5	21
Rockdale Suns	11	6	1	0	4	23	17	6	20
Adamstown R'bud	11	5	2	0	4	21	15	6	19
Warringah	11	3	2	0	6	12	21	-9	13
Leichhardt Tigers	12	3	2	0	7	16	37	-21	13
Stanmore Hawks	13	1	4	0	8	17	35	-18	11
Illawarra Lions	12	0	2	0	10	11	50	-39	4

ROUND ELEVEN									
FEDERATION DIVISION ONE									
FIRST GRADE									
*Liverpool City	P	Minotaurs	P	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Coast	4	Dulwich Hill	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn United	P	West Wanderers	P	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minotaurs	4	Hills United	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fairfield Bulls	0	Ryde City	0	4	4	4	4	4	4
Belmore Hercules	3	Mt Pritchard	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Liverpool City	0	Sydney Cosmos	0	2	2	2	2	2	2

UNDER 21									
*Liverpool City	P	Minotaurs	P	1	1	1	1	1	1
Central Coast	2	Dulwich Hill	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Auburn United	4	West Wanderers	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Minotaurs	P	Hills United	P	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bulls	2	Ryde City	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Belmore Hercules	1	Mt Pritchard	1	8	8	8	8	8	8
Liverpool City	0	Sydney Cosmos	0	5	5	5	5	5	5

UNDER 18									
*Liverpool City	P	Minotaurs	P	1	1	1	1	1	1
Central Coast	3	Dulwich Hill	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Auburn United	1	West Wanderers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minotaurs	P	Hills United	P	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield Bulls	0	Ryde City	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
Belmore Hercules	1	Mt Pritchard	1	3	3	3	3	3	3
Liverpool City	1	Sydney Cosmos	1	5	5	5	5	5	5

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE									
FIRST GRADE									
Ryde City Gunners	11	6	2	0	1	29	14	15	28
Central Coast	11	9	0	0	2	42	9	33	27
Fairfield Bulls	11	8	0	1	2	31	12	19	25
Auburn United	11	7	2	0	2	30	17	13	25
Belmore Hercules	9	4	2	0	3	21	20	1	16
Dulwich Hill	11	2	4	1	4	19	22	-3	15
Minotaurs	9	3	2	0	4	10	14	-4	13
Mt Pritchard	11	3	2	0	6	18	24	-6	13
West Wanderers	11	3	2	0	6	15	30	-15	13
Hills United	9	2	2	0	5	9	12	-3	10
Sydney Cosmos	10	2	2	0	6	8	14	-6	10
Liverpool City	10	0	0	0	10	9	53	-44	0

ROUND ELEVEN									
FEDERATION DIVISION TWO									
FIRST GRADE									
*Parramatta City	N/A	Hurstville	N/A	1					
Bathurst 75	4	St John's Park	3						
Granville G'land	3	Uni of NSW	3						
Penrith Panthers	P	Sydney District	2						
Parramatta City	2	Trasandinos	2						
Concord Jnr	2	Colo Colo	0						
Bankstown Spts	2	Hurstville	0						

UNDER 21									
*Parramatta City	N/A	Hurstville	N/A	2					
Bathurst 75	2	St John's Park	0						
Granville G'land	1	Uni of NSW	2						
Penrith Panthers	P	Sydney District	3						
Parramatta City	2	Trasandinos	3						
Concord Jnr	2	Colo Colo	2						
Bankstown Spts	2	Hurstville	1						

UNDER 18			
*Parramatta City	0	Hurstville	
Bathurst '75	2	St John's Park	
Granville G'land	1	Uni of NSW	
Perrilth Panthers	P	Sydney District	
Parramatta City	P	Tresandinas	
Concord Jnr	1	Colo Colo	
Berkstown Spts	5	Hurstville	
*Deferred match from Round 9			

VICTORIAN LEAGUE

PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner Blues	14	9	2	3	35	19	29
St Alb. Saints	14	8	3	3	29	19	27
Gr. Gully Cvil.	12	8	2	2	26	13	26
Altona Magic	12	8	1	3	24	16	25
Preston Lions	12	8	0	4	34	16	24
Butleen Lions	12	6	2	4	24	19	20
Pt Melb. Sharks	12	6	1	5	20	19	19
Werribee Bees	12	5	3	4	16	11	18
Sun. Georgies	13	5	3	5	23	19	18
Spr. City Vales	13	4	3	6	19	22	15
Box Hill Inter	14	4	1	9	20	32	13
Don'ter Rovers	12	3	2	7	19	28	11
Albion Redsoxs	14	1	2	11	18	48	5
Nt Geel. Warrior	12	1	1	10	9	35	4

STATE ONE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent. Greens	9	6	3	0	22	10	21
Lalor United	9	6	2	1	17	9	20
Clarinda	9	5	3	1	20	11	18
Thomas. Devils	9	5	3	1	20	15	18
Richmond	9	5	1	3	20	19	16
West Suburbs	9	4	3	2	12	9	12
Westgate	9	2	3	4	14	15	9
Caulfield City	9	2	3	4	13	14	9
Oakleigh	9	3	0	6	12	20	9
Frank. Pines	9	2	2	5	14	15	8
Croydon City	9	3	2	4	15	17	8
Northcote City	8	3	1	4	11	12	7
Broadmeadows	9	1	3	5	11	18	6
Knox City	9	1	1	7	9	22	4

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	9	7	0	2	32	15	21
Th'town Devils	9	6	1	2	20	13	19
Bent. Greens	8	5	2	1	18	11	17
Knox City	9	5	0	4	24	15	15
Oakleigh	9	4	3	2	19	13	15
Lalor Utd	9	4	1	4	14	12	13
Northcote City	9	5	1	3	20	19	13
Frank. Pines	9	3	3	3	18	17	12
Broadmeadows	8	4	0	4	11	20	12
Clarinda	9	3	2	4	19	15	11
Caulfield City	8	2	3	3	13	11	9
Westgate	9	2	0	7	23	35	6
West. Suburbs	9	2	2	5	16	24	5
Croydon City	9	1	0	8	8	33	0

STATE TWO FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noorabbin City	9	7	2	0	20	4	23
Waverley City	9	6	2	1	24	6	20
Ess. Brun. Royals	9	7	2	0	30	13	20
Sp. White Eagles	9	5	3	1	16	9	18
East Richmond	9	4	3	2	10	12	15
Altona East	9	4	2	3	17	9	14
Chelsea	9	4	1	4	15	17	13
Regent Bulla	9	2	4	3	9	13	10
Bell Park	9	3	1	5	10	19	10
Altona City	9	2	0	4	9	14	9
Ringwood City	9	2	1	6	11	16	7
Mooroolbark	9	0	5	4	7	19	5
Nunawading City	9	6	5	4	5	17	5
Clifton Hill	9	6	0	9	2	17	0

STATE TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moorabbin City	9	8	1	0	34	8	25
Altona City	9	7	0	2	30	15	21
Ess. Brun. Royals	9	6	2	1	24	8	17
Regent Bulla	9	5	2	2	24	12	17
Sp. White Eagles	9	5	1	3	18	10	16
Waverley City	9	5	0	4	24	14	15
Clifton Hill	9	3	1	5	12	14	10
Altona East	9	3	1	5	10	22	10
Bell Park	9	3	1	5	8	22	10

Mooroolbark	9	3	0	6	17	25	9
East Richmond	9	2	3	4	15	25	9
Nunawading City	9	3	0	6	10	23	9
Ringwood City	9	2	0	7	13	23	6
Chelsea	9	1	2	6	9	27	5

STATE THREE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	9	7	1	1	28	9	22
Sth Dandenong	9	7	1	1	27	8	22
Melb. City	9	6	1	2	21	12	19
Sth Werribee	9	5	3	1	18	11	18
Elt Dia Valley	9	4	3	2	11	9	15
Keilor Eagles	9	3	5	1	9	5	14
Fitzroy City	9	4	1	4	9	12	13
Sth Caulfield	9	4	1	4	8	11	13
Frankston	9	3	1	5	16	20	10
Seaford Utd	9	3	1	5	12	25	10
Pascoe Vale	9	2	1	6	13	16	7
Banyule	9	2	1	6	14	25	7
Sunbury Utd	9	1	2	6	6	17	5
Sandringham	9	6	2	7	6	18	-1

STATE THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	9	8	0	1	35	7	24
Sth Caulfield	9	6	1	2	19	16	19
Elt. Dia. Valley	9	5	2	2	22	18	17
Seaford Utd	9	5	1	3	17	10	16
Keilor Eagles	9	4	3	2	21	13	15
Pascoe Vale	9	5	0	4	21	15	15
Melb. City	9	5	0	4	19	15	15
Sth Werribee	9	4	1	4	18	23	13
Banyule City	8	3	1	4	13	15	10
Sandringham	9	3	2	4	9	10	8
Sth Dandenong	8	2	2	4	10	20	8
Frankston	9	2	0	7	13	16	6
Sunbury Utd	9	1	2	6	12	24	5
Fitzroy City	9	1	1	7	7	34	4

STATE FOUR FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sth Springvale	9	6	3	0	14	4	21
Geelong	9	6	2	1	26	7	20
Cranbourne	9	5	3	1	21	7	18
Stonnington	9	4	2	3	11	11	14
Williamstown	8	4	1	3	9	8	13
Corio	9	3	4	2	11	18	13
Monbulk	8	3	3	2	12	8	12
Sth Wantirna	9	4	0	5	14	15	12
Yarraville	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Langwarrin	9	3	1	5	13	17	10
Sun. Heights	9	3	3	3	11	11	9
Nth Coburg Utd	9	1	4	4	9	13	7
Doveton	9	1	3	5	7	19	6
Brighton	9	0	1	8	3	20	1

STATE FOUR RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	9	7	1	1	27	8	22
Sth Wantirna	9	6	2	1	21	6	20
Cranbourne	9	6	1	2	23	15	19
Monbulk	9	4	3	2	17	11	15
Williamstown	9	5	0	4	24	19	15
Stonnington	9	4	2	3	15	13	14
Yarraville	9	4	1	4	23	15	13
Geelong	9	4	1	4	19	11	13
S'shine Heights	9	4	2	3	25	14	11
Sth Springvale	9	3	1	5	14	19	10
Nth Coburg Utd	9	3	0	6	18	39	7
Brighton	9	2	1	6	13	24	7
Doveton	9	2	1	6	12	29	7
Corio	9	0	2	7	6	34	2

PROVISIONAL ONE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	9	7	1	1	19	6	22
Spring. Condors	9	6	2	1	21	8	20
Old Scotch/Hawt	9	5	3	1	12	7	18

Nth Sunshine	9	5	1	3	17	14	16
Lalor	9	4	3	2	20	15	15
Glenroy	9	4	2	3	19	19	14
Melton	9	3	4	2	9	6	13
Ballarat	9	3	3	3	14	14	12
Geel. Rangers	9	3	2	4	13	13	11
Knox Park	9	2	2	5	12	18	8
Heidelberg City	9	2	1	6	13	22	7
Mitcham Utd	9	1	3	5	8	18	6
Brandon Park	9	1	2	6	11	21	5
Dandenong	9	2	1	6	10	17	4

PROVISIONAL ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mitcham Utd	9	7	1	1	25	6	22
Old Scotch Hawt	9	7	1	1	21	5	22
Moreland City	9	6	2	1	22	6	20
Sp'vale Condors	9	5	1	3	27	7	16
Ballarat	9	5	1	3	15	12	16
Glenroy	9	5	0	4	21	17	15
Geelong Rangers	9	4	1	4	22	16	13
Melton	9	4	1	4	10	14	13
Knox Park	9	4	0	5	15	16	12
Nth Sunshine	9	3	1	5	12	16	10
Heidelberg City	9	2	3	4	16	20	9
Lalor	9	2	1	6	12	26	7
Brandon Park	8	1	1	6	13	37	4
Dandenong	8	0	0	8	7	40	-3

PROVISIONAL TWO FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Meadow Park	9	5	3	1	23	8	18
Braeside Utd	9	6	0	3	12	6	18
Nth Glenroy	9	5	2	2	29	15	17
Keysborough	9	5	1	3	22	14	16
Mornington	9	5	1	3	13	8	16
Brunswick City	9	4	2	3	11	13	14
Lyndale United	8	4	1	3	12	15	13
Hampton Pk Utd	9	4	2	3	13	21	14
Berwick City	9	3	3	3	13	15	12
South Yarra	9	3	1	5	10	15	10
Broadmeadow Utd	9	2	2	5	12	19	8
Monash Uni.	9	2	1	6	13	18	7
Hoppers Cr'sing	9	2	2	5	13	19	5
East Nun. Eagles	9	0	4	5	6	16	4

PROVISIONAL TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	9	8	1	0	35	11	25
Nth Glenroy	9	7	1	1	21	9	22
Hampton Park	9	6	0	3	21	9	18
Sth Yarra	9	5	3	1	23	15	18
Mornington	9	6	0	3	19	14	18
Lyndale Utd	9	5	1	3	17	13	16
Braeside Utd	9	5	0	4	20	24	15
Br'meadows Utd	9	4	1	4	16	17	13
Meadow Park	9	3	2	4	17	15	11
Hopp. Crossing	9	4	1	4	17	13	10
Berwick City	9	1	2	6	10	22	5
East Nun. Eagles	9	1	1	7	13	23	4
Keysborough	9	1	0	8	10	24	3
Monash Uni.	9	0	1	8	8	38	

Cavalier Taylor toughens up

BY GREG BLAKE

Green Gully coach Chris Taylor has vowed to toughen up on his wayward charges as hopes for season 1995 slip away.

This was to be the year Gully reclaimed the place it once owned at the top of the Victorian tree a decade or more ago.

Instead the wayward Cavaliers are closer to bottom than top in the Premier League and Taylor's job has gone on the line, although Gully president Charlie Farrugia has publicly backed the coach in recent days.

"It's no more Mr. nice guy, I'm going to be a bastard now," said Taylor in the wake of Gully's last gasp loss to Doncaster Rovers recently.

"I've tried to treat (the players) like adults, but..." he trailed off in frustration.

Taylor and the club have already wielded the big stick in a bid to shake off the poor form.

The second year coach had his charges on the track for training five nights last week — and attendance was compulsory.

For its part, the club has told the players that if the on-field struggle continues it will be the players and not the coach in the firing line.

"We had a good talk with the players and they know where they stand," said Farrugia.

"They know that if they don't perform we will have to go out and get players who will."

"The players are being held responsible and there is no question about Chris (Taylor) staying on."

"If they followed his instructions things wouldn't be as bad as they are and maybe our squad just isn't as good as we thought it was."

This was supposed to be the year of re-birth at once mighty Gully.

In tandem with the magnificent new facilities and the boom bought about by poker machines at the social club, the Cavs had a huge turnover of players in the off

The once mighty Gully spent big in a bid to return to the glory days, but at this stage even a top five appearance seems unlikely after just four wins in 14 games.

Synonymous with the season so far was the galling home loss to lowly Doncaster Rovers.

Gully led only to be pegged back and finally overtaken in the dying moments, the winning goal coming from gleeful former Gully player Joe O'Donnell.

"Look, there is nothing that just one win won't fix," Taylor believes.

"We murdered Doncaster Rovers in the first half only to come out after the break and virtually give up."

"In most of our other



Joe Tricarico: Recently sent off.

games we've played well but made some really stupid mistakes.

"It's the discipline factor that's killing us."

That element of Gully's lamentable season is evidence in what is currently the worst disciplinary record in the Premier League.

Already six players have missed games through suspension, with five —

Arthur Davis, Cameron Brown, Joe Tricarico, Alex Gymnopoulos and Daniel Genovesi — sent off during games, four in a remarkable five week spell.

"I've been fining players," says Taylor.

"But it's got to the point that if they don't want to be disciplined then they'll find themselves on the bench in the reserves."

Farrugia says the next step in recruiting might be to start poaching players from other clubs.

"This year we went out and bought players who were available," said the president.

"Maybe we should be out poaching players from other clubs."

"Everyone else does it, so why don't we?"

"The thing is, the club stands behind the coach and if the current players aren't doing it then they'll be replaced."

"If another player gets sent off for something stupid he might as well keep walking, because he's not required here."

Taylor remains confident that his team can get back to the play-offs this season for the first time since 1992.

"We bought players to the club whom we thought would improve things, and I believe they can," he said.

"When we get a win it'll turn around for us and some of the other sides in the league had better watch it."

"We'll still give the top five a shake."

Green Gully ruled Victorian soccer in the early 1980s.

The Cavaliers won the Premier League three years in a row between 1981 and 1983 and, aside from a three year spell in the NSL, the club finished no lower than fifth in every season from 1980 to 1990.

Since then the Cavs have finished 7th, 4th, 10th and 6th.

Super Sharks on track again

According to the press and unlucky North Geelong, Port Melbourne's recent win over the Warriors smacked off good fortune.

And so it goes that when you're losing, the luck invariably goes against you.

When you're on a roll — and the mighty Sharks are — the ball rolls your way.

However, it would be grossly unfair to dismiss Port Melbourne's extraordinary winning streak as good fortune. The fact is that the bayside boys are just about the best thing to hit the Premier League for many years.

In 1994 it was all romance, as the league newcomers edged into the play-offs at first shot and then rolled all the way to a failed grand final showdown with Preston.

In 1995 was to be the true test of Port Melbourne's new-



Dean Fak (left) in last year's Grand Final.

found stature, going in with the grand final let-down and a substantially weakened team minus league top scorer Peter Psarros.

Three months down the track the Sharks are unbeaten

and runaway league leaders by nearly four games.

They'll go back to the final for sure and they'll get there armed with the same charming characteristics which got the new club into the headlines in the first place.

Few Premier League teams play with the verve and flair of the Sharks under masterful Takis Svigos. Port Melbourne can produce some un-nerving attacking football but rarely do they do this at risk of sacrificing the rudimentary elements of keeping it tight at the back.

They have depth. Last year they covered for such losses like that of injured George Svigos and Terry Rizopoulos and this year they've done it without Psarros and Peter Tsolakis and will have to do without goalkeeper Mike Lilikakis for some time.

They have tenacity and

heart for a battle.

Anyone who saw the Sharks' two remarkable duels with Bulleen in the finals last year could hardly doubt their ability to fight in the trenches with the game on the line.

And they have some ability.

Skipper Dean Fak numbers in the top three players in the league. Svigos has returned in style, Sava Rusmir is an eye-catcher of the highest order and the support troops — Nick Papadopoulos, John Dimitrelos, Con Argyrou and Co. — are as good as any going around.

And they've discovered another goalscorer of promise in Nick Tsaltas.

Just when will there be enough proof that the bayside boys have well and truly arrived?

One Premier League coach — who wisely chose to remain anonymous — recently told me that he felt Port Melbourne were pretenders.

"They'll get found out sooner or later," he said.

I wonder by whom? In the end, the Sharks might have to win the title to get the respect they deserve.

I wouldn't bet against that happening.

Last year Port Melbourne became just about everyone's second favourite team for its approach to the game.

This year the Sharks are every opposition club's worst nightmare. The roll gets bigger, the luck keeps coming and Port Melbourne is on a grand final mission.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FRIDAY, 26TH MAY ROUND 10

Northcote City* v Bentleigh Greens

STATE ONE

SUNDAY, 28TH MAY

Caulfield City	v	Br. Meadows City
Westgate	v	Frankston Pines
Richmond	v	Croydon City
Knox City	v	Clarinda
Thomastown Devils	v	Western Suburbs
Lalor United	v	Oakleigh

STATE TWO

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY ROUND 10

Altona East	v	Bell Park
Ringwood City	v	Altona City
Regent Bulla	v	Chelsea
Moorabbin City	v	Ess. Brun. Royals
Waverley City	v	East Richmond
Nunawading City	v	Clifton Hill
Spr. White Eagles	v	Mooroolbark

STATE THREE

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY ROUND 10

Pascoe Vale	v	Sunbury Utd
Sandringham City	v	Keilor Eagles
Banyule	v	Sth Werribee
Seaford Utd	v	Sth Caulfield
Sth Dandenong	v	Elt Dia Valley
Frankston	v	Melbourne City
Fitzroy City	v	Westvale

STATE FOUR

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY ROUND 10

Langwarrin	v	Yarraville
Monbulk	v	Doveton
Stonnington City	v	Corio
Sth Wantirna	v	Cranbourne
Sth Springvale	v	Brighton
Nth Coburg Utd	v	Williamson
Geelong	v	Sunshine Heights

PROVISIONAL ONE

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY ROUND 10

Glenroy	v	Nth Sunshine
Heidelberg City	v	Dandenong
Moreland City	v	Knox Park
Lalor	v	Ballarat
Mitcham Utd	v	Brandon Park
Melton	v	Old Scotch
Geel. Rangers	v	Spring. Condors

PROVISIONAL TWO

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY ROUND 10

Hampton Pk Utd	v	Brunswick City
Hoppers Cr'sing	v	Braeside Utd
Lyndale Utd	v	East Nth. Eagles
Keysborough	v	Berwick City
Meadow Park	v	Broadmeadows Utd
Monash Uni.	v	Nth Glenroy
Mornington	v	South Yarra

PROVISIONAL THREE NORTH WEST SUNDAY, 28TH MAY ROUND 6

Upfield	v	Sydenham Park
West Preston	v	Sunshine Park
Whitlessa Utd	v	Latrobe Uni
Darbin Utd	v	Northern Utd
Diamond Valley	v	Nth Reservoir
Keon Park	v	Mill Park

PROVISIONAL THREE METRO

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY ROUND 8

Yallourn	v	Elwood City
Uni Melb. Blues	v	Melb Uni. Rangers
Ashburton	v	T'stowe Eagles
Carrum Utd	v	Riversdale
Endeavour Utd	v	Ringwood Rovers
Parkmore	v	Keilor Utd

PROVISIONAL THREE STH EAST/CEN. SUNDAY, 28TH MAY ROUND 6

Thornbury	v	Flem. Falcons
Wav. Wanderers	v	RMIT
Ivanhoe Utd	v	Wantirna
Cam. Gram. Old Boys	v	Oakleigh Utd
Collingwood City	v	Nth Caulfield
East Kew	v	Endeavour Hills

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SATURDAY

MATCH RESULTS
SERVICE

- ◆ Premier League
- ◆ State League Divisions 1 to 3

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SATURDAY

MATCH RESULTS
SERVICE

- ◆ State League Division 4
- ◆ Provisional League Divisions 1-3

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VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

NORTH GEELONG 1 BULLEEN 2

BY JOHN DIDULICA
AND BOY MAY

North Geelong lost a hard-fought physical battle to Bulleen 2 - 1. North was without Josip Skoko, who was rested so that he could play for Victoria against West Ham United.

The match began badly for the home team when Richard O'Sullivan's back pass went straight to Bulleen's Dale White, who had only to drive the ball past the helpless Marijan Vunderl after three minutes. After 15 minutes Bulleen was two up, when Tom Sonsini's cross was headed in by the unmarked White. North's Charles Fitzpatrick intercepted a back pass, rounded Oliver, but from the acute angles just failed to hit the target. Stephen McAuliffe came within centimetres of a goal with a header from a free-kick.

Ten minutes into the second half, North gained a goal after a controversial incident. Bulleen defender Bill Tsiakos was off balance when the ball struck his hand, and though the referee was unsighted, a penalty was given on the advice of the linesman. Franc Bot stroked it past Oliver. Fitzpatrick almost had the equaliser from a brilliant pass by Bobby Kules, but the game erupted in a series of physical clashes, which resulted in Fitzpatrick being sent off for an incident behind play. Bulleen coach Peter Ollerton said afterwards, "Of course I am very pleased to have got the points from here. We played well early on but then went downhill." Bulleen has signed Peter Psarros from Heidelberg.

VOTES: 3 White (BL); 2 (NG); 1 Kules (NG).
WARRIORS: Vunderl, Bot, O'Sullivan, Medved, McAuliffe, Deak, Kules, Dimovski.

Fitzpatrick (sent off), A. Skoko, Trupkovic.
B.LIONS: Oliver, Valentic, Liparotti, Sonsini, Tsiakos, Grbac, Lenetic (Dilorio) White, Giacherni, Lutgens (Everetts), Troise.

ALBION 0 PRESTON 0

BY BOB PROTUDER

In a fiercely contested game, the fighting Preston Lions ended the four game winning streak of the Albion Redsox on Saturday.

In the first period, the Lions were content to defend and hold the Redsox goalless.

When Albion looked dangerous, the Lions sprung open the offside trap and frustrated the Redsox.

A similar pattern of play followed in the second - half, as both defences stood firm and controlled the game. Only a piece of magic could break the stalemate and it was nearly provided by Preston striker Sash Becvinovski.

Becvinovski decided to go on a weaving run through the Redsox defence, the striker was headed for goal, when he was abruptly pulled down in the penalty area, only to see John Rutter wave play on.

RED SOX: Brian, Simsek (Gurpinar), Grimuad (Tram), Osman, Collins, Wilson, Sevin, Vesnaver, Fehmi, Popovski, Kuyucuogullari.
P. LIONS: Rajkovski, Spasevski, Chiodo, Cubitt, Chalmers, Pender, Cuculevski, Becvinovski, McAleer, Sterjovski (Romanovski) Lane.
REFEREE: John Rutter
VOTES: 3 - Wilson (AR); 2 - Spasevski (PL); 1 - Kuyucuogullari (AR).

SUNSHINE 2 PORT MELBOURNE 2

BY JOHN RIGAS

In an action packed

Premier League LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PORT MELB. SHARKS	14	11	3	0	28	9	36
ALTONA MAGIC	14	8	2	4	23	18	26
SUNSHINE GEORGIES	13	6	3	4	20	15	21
ALBION REDSOX	14	6	3	5	13	15	21
BULLEEN LIONS	14	5	5	4	17	15	20
ST. ALBANS SAINTS	14	5	4	5	19	12	19
PRESTON LIONS	14	4	6	4	18	17	18
FAWKNER BLUES	14	5	3	6	12	17	18
SPRINGVALE CITY VALES	13	4	4	5	17	21	16
NTH GEELONG WARRIORS	13	4	3	6	14	15	15
WERRIBEE CITY BEES	13	3	5	5	17	20	14
GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS	14	3	5	6	13	18	14
BOX HILL INTER	14	3	3	8	12	19	12
DONCASTER ROVERS	14	2	5	7	10	21	11

Top Scorers

11 - V. Trpcevski (Altona)	T. Callo (Springvale)
7 - J. Suric (Werribee)	T. Pondeljak (St. Albans)
G. Svigos (Port Melb.)	S. Becvinovski (Preston)
6 - N. Tsaltas (Port Melb.)	D. White (Bulleen)
D. Genovesi (G. Gully)	

encounter lady luck saved Port Melbourne Sharks from their first loss of the season as the Sunshine Georgies produced a memorable performance in front of a vocal Sunshine Crowd.

The Georgies took the lead in the 20th minute when defender Jamie Melrose headed the ball across the goal to striker Craig Lewis who headed past goalkeeper Nick Drougas.

Port Melbourne equalised in the 40th minute when a free-kick taken by Petros Kamarokis was met at the far post by striker Terry Rizopoulos who half-volleyed the ball past goalkeeper Tony Lyras.

Ten minutes into the second - half the Sharks were awarded a penalty following a hand ball from Norman Dougherty, George Svigos blasted the penalty into the back of the

ST. ALBANS 1 BOX HILL 2

BY SONIA VIDUKA

The inclusion of South Melbourne striker Ivan Kelic could not stop the St. Albans Saints from falling to a 1 - 2 defeat at the hands of Box Hill Inter at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

Box Hill opened the scoring in the 28th minute when Gary Frezzini converted an Alan Roodhouse cross past goalkeeper Sean Keogh.

St. Albans dominated for the rest of the opening stanza but could not take advantage of the few opportunities on goal, that soon changed three minutes before the interval. Kelic sent in a wonderful cross to wonder kid Tom Pondeljak who powered his shot into the back of the net from close range.

An improved second - half from Box Hill paid off when hero of the day Gary Frezzini sent the ball flying over the head of goalkeeper Keogh to give Inter a rare victory.

SAINTS: Keogh, Juric, Rados, Markovac, I. Colina, M. Colina, Pondeljak, Liakos, Kirshian, Kelic, Gagula.
INTER: Baker, Pansino, Dal Ben, Mazzini, Castro, Filipovic, Frezzini, A. Roodhouse, Guscic, Gugulicmi, D. Tartaglia.
REFEREE: Cuan Nuimoevski
VOTES: 3 - Frezzini (BI); 2 - Juric (STA); 1 - Rados (STA).

SPRINGVALE 0 FAWKNER 1

BY CON STANNOS

Promising Springvale goalkeeper Chris Jones went from hero to villain in his sides 1 - 0 loss against Fawkner Blues on Saturday.

About to head off to English glamour club Liverpool for trials, the young keeper kept the Vales in the match early in the second - half when he spectacularly dived to his right to deflect a shot from Fawkner striker Carlos Retre.

Jones however blotted his copybook just five minutes from full-time, coming well off his line to punch a cross from Retre. The hurried punch fell right at the feet of Mark Recchia who slammed home the winner.

Fawkner were lucky to come away with three points following some woeful finishing from Retre in the first - half and a storming finish from Springvale that deserved a winner.

Theo Selemidis had two successive shots blocked off the line in the closing minute

with Darren McClenaghan adding much width on the flanks.

Vales: Jones, Byrne, Nolan, Selemidis, Craig, Gent, Calle, Roberts (Lettieri), V. Grella (McClenaghan), Mihaljovic, Lennon.

Blues: Janssen, Crivan, Santalucia, Kuzman, Schipano, Bastas, Bordignon, Thodis, Minichello, Retre, Recchia.
Referee: Carlo Graser
Votes: 3 - Santalucia (FB); 2 - Nolan (SV); 1 - Bordignon (FB)

ALTONA 3 GREEN GULLY 0

BY TONY BRKOVSKI

Altona Magic striker Vasko Trpcevski scored his third hat-trick of year and by doing so added further misery to the Green Gully Cavaliers who were outplayed by a magic side on Saturday.

Magic had an impact on the scoreboard as early as in the seventh-minute. A Trpcevski inswinging corner was fumbled by Gully goalkeeper Charlie Sant at the far post and thus set the trend for the rest of the game.

Altona went further ahead in the 36th minute when Nick Georgopoulos sent Trpcevski on his way, and he was faced with an open goal. The resulting penalty taken by Trpcevski was saved, the striker pounced onto the loose ball to fire home truly.

Then second - half was five minutes old when midfield wizard Chris Emsovski sent a through-ball to Trpcevski who slotted the ball under body of the mesmerised Sant.

MAGIC: McGrath, Micevski, Tasevski, Runje, Harris, Markovski, Velkovski (Cvetkovski), Emsovski, Antanasovski, Georgopoulos (Georgievski), Trpcevski.
CAVALIERS: Sant, Spiteri, Davis (Chiles), Micallef, Camplej, Chetcuti, Markovski, Brown, Tricarico, Necesk (Grillo), Geneovesi.
REFEREE: Juergen Annuss
VOTES: 3 - Trpcevski (AM); 2 - Emsovski (AM); 1 - Harris (AM)

WERRIBEE 1 DONCASTER 1

BY MILO NAPOLI

Werribee Bees and Doncaster Rovers played out an entertaining hard fought 1 - 1 draw, both teams showed positive

glimpses that they will not be a push over in the second half of the season.

Werribee opened the scoring in the 16th minute when the first break of the game was created down the right flank. Giovanni Insera crossed the ball to Jack Androulidakis who powered his shot past goalkeeper Glenn Clarke.

Androulidakis could have sealed the game in the 30th minute as he shot wide of the post following a cross from Paul Donnelly, the Bees will be ruling that chance as Doncaster equalised two minutes later.

A forward thrust from the midfield resulted in the goal, Ron Whitton fired his shot from the edge of the penalty area that struck the underside of the crossbar and flew into the back of the net.

Werribee squandered another opportunity in the 88th minute when Insera crossed the ball to striker Jani Suric whose shot was cleared off the line by veteran Jim McBride.

BEES: Giatas, Napoli, Head, Gilmour, Carraro, Insera, Stojcevski, Androulidakis, Donnelly, Suric, Cavarra.
ROVERS: Clarke, Wallace, Hennessey, McBride, Peel, Whitton, Haloulos, Greenwood, Berdenis, Healy, Ristevski.
REFEREE: John Fraser
VOTES: 3 - Haloulos (DR); 2 - Napoli (WB); 1 - Androulidakis (WB)

THIS WEEK'S VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

SATURDAY
Doncaster Rovers v Altona Magic
SUNDAY
Green Gully Cavaliers v Box Hill Inter
St. Albans Saints v Albion Redsox
Preston Lions v Fawkner Blues
Sunshine Georgies v Bulleen Lions
Werribee Bees v North Geelong Warriors
Springvale City Vales v Port Melbourne Sharks

TOP VOTES ABSW PASCOE VALE SPORTS SCENE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH SOCCER

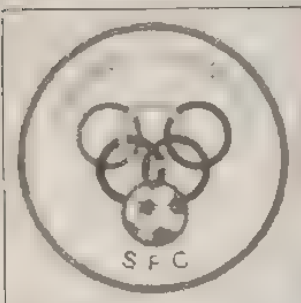
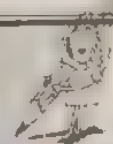
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OLYMPIC SECURES TOP NEW COACH

NSW Women's State League defending champion Sydney Olympic has scored a major coup by signing former Socceroo Gerry Gomez earlier this month as their coach for the remainder of the 1995 season.

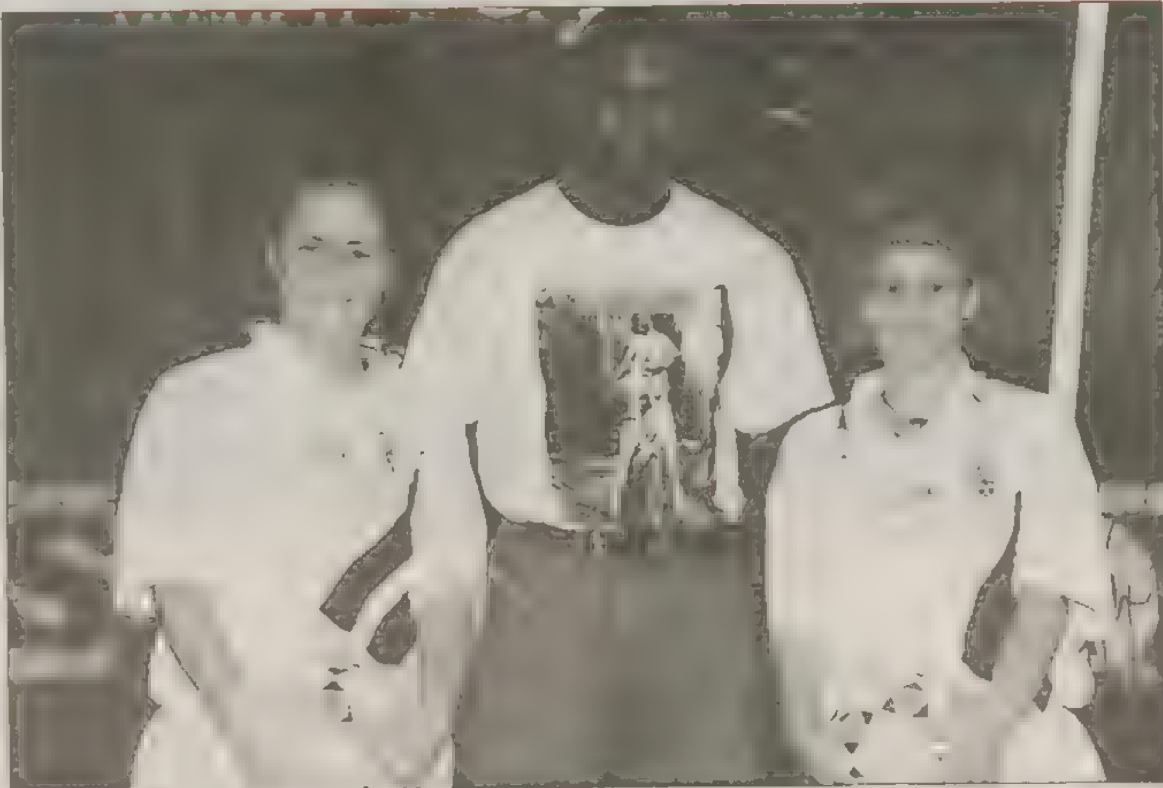
Gomez joins the growing trend of top flight male footballers now bringing their knowledge and experience to the ranks of elite women's soccer. Other recent examples include Tom Sermanni (National Coach); Jeff Olver and Paul Wade (Victorian State Team/ITC); Mark Jones and Clint Gosling (NSW ITC); Mike Milovanovic (ACT ITC).

Recently back in Australia following a full-time playing stint in Malaysia, Gomez's introduction to women's soccer happened quite by chance. A conversation with World Cup team member Denise Pentecost, doing some work at Gomez's Sydney clothing business, led to him taking some sessions with the club, and accepted the offer to stay.

Gomez admits he knew little of women's soccer previously, and is excited to be taking on the new challenge. "As a player, I never really heard much about women's soccer," said Gomez. "I was quite unaware of the standard. Now I have changed my whole view of women's football. I have been pleasantly surprised — there is some good talent out there."

Still making an impression on the field as a player, Gomez has had little time for coaching before now, and the appointment at Sydney Olympic is his first top level coaching assignment. Gomez has long considered a career in coaching, and already holds Level 2 qualifications. He has registered to undertake his Level 3 in October this year.

"This is a new challenge for me," said Gomez. "I am now able to put into practice all I have learnt through the courses, plus draw on my experience as a



Olympic's new combination: New coach Gerry Gomez with his two National team stars Denise Pentecost and Julie Murray.

player. And it's exciting because I'm learning from them too."

Two matches into the job, Gomez has suffered two losses, but remains optimistic. The all-conquering side of last season has seen change this season, the club having lost a large number of that champion team through different circumstances. Joining Olympic mid-season has now meant a period of adjustment for all. And missing now of course are World Cup players Julie Murray and Pentecost.

"Coming here mid-season, I am still getting to know the players and their qualities," said Gomez. "But I can see

some good talent here. It's very different coaching females — I'm quite impressed with their attitude and willingness to learn."

"Losing the two Australian players had unbalanced the team a little, and their replacements need to believe in themselves more," he added. "We've had two defeats, but the players have shown some character, coming back from behind to fight it out for the final result." Gomez is confident the next two to three weeks will see an improved performance.

With an impressive record to maintain, having been at the top for the last few seasons, Gomez and his charges have till the desire to be there and at least qualify

for the Top 4 play-offs, with the ultimate aim of again contesting the grand final.

A veteran of 310 NSL games with 80 goals to his name, Gomez is certainly no stranger to grand final football. With seven years at champion club Sydney City, four seasons at Marconi, plus periods at Apia and Parramatta Eagles, Gomez has the amazing record of three grand final wins.

"All up I played in six or seven grand finals. I can't complain about my playing career, and I've made a lot of friends along the way," says Gomez who came to Australia from Costa Rica.

Gomez is adopting a European style of

play at Olympic — a short-passing possession game. "Players need to move, they need to be fit. Everyone should be flexible in their positions, not be just a striker or just a defender."

There is no such thing anymore — everyone defends and everyone attacks. To achieve that, fitness is very important." Gomez has increased Olympic's training schedule to an extra night per week, focusing on increasing physical stamina.

At 34 years of age, defender-cum-midfielder Gomez is undecided about his playing future, but would like to put in another season or two in the NSL. One thing clear in his mind however is his desire to pursue a successful career in coaching.

"To coach Australia," was his instant reply when asked of his ambitions. "As a player I strived to play for Australia, and as a coach I want to also reach the top."

Gomez has played alongside some greats in his time and more importantly has come under the guidance of a number of leading coaches. He lists Eddie Thomson as the best coach he played under, and Zoran Matic as the top current NSL coach.

Gomez is excited about the current growth and development of women's football and envisages great things if Australia does well at the World Cup and qualifies for the Olympics. "If that happens, there will be so many opportunities to really start promoting the game. Women's soccer is just starting to grow. With new people now running soccer in Australia, maybe we can get a good national competition underway like netball and basketball have."

With Gomez now assuming the role of First Grade coach, current NSW Junior Coach Sue Andrews will now be free to concentrate on working with the Reserve Grade side. Together the two hope to become the most formidable coaching combination in the WSL.

WORLD CUP SWEDEN '95

AUSTRALIA IN TOUGH DRAW AGAINST SCOTLAND

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

Australia women's soccer coach Tom Sermanni does not have happy memories of Kilmarnock's ground in Scotland.

He was last there 20 years ago as a young player for Albion Rovers and in his own words "missed a first-minute sitter" in a 5-2 loss. Over the weekend he was held up again as his touring Matildas national side drew 0-0 with a dogged, determined Scotland team.

But Sermanni retained more composure after this result than he probably did as a teenager in the 1970s. "Scotland played the kind of football we expected — very competitive, closing players down quickly," he said, speaking by telephone from the ground.

"And as I have been stressing all

along. It is not the results that matter so much at this stage, it is the way the team comes together and the balance we achieve."

Sermanni said he is still no closer to deciding on his starting line-up for the Women's World Cup in Sweden, which begins in just over a fortnight.

Australia had the better of the chances on a bitterly cold May night in the Scottish town, with midfielder Michelle Watson continuing a series of exciting performances. She was backed by defenders Louise McMurtrie and Anissa Tann-Darby, and striker Sumi Hughes.

The Australians remain in camp in Scotland for another week, moving to Sweden for games against a club side on May 25 and the full Swedish national team on May 27. They open their World Cup campaign with a match against Denmark on June 6.

AUSSIES ON TOUR

The 20-strong World Cup player contingent contains some weird and wonderful characters to say the least.

The last 10 months has been a hectic schedule of constant camps and international competition, mostly travelling to a variety of foreign shores. Currently the team is on the road, having to endure each others company for a stretch of six weeks.

To lighten the pressures of top flight world football, the team has devised an award called "The Yellow T-Shirt" — presented to the Idiot of the Day. The "winner" has to endure wearing a carefully chosen, hideous pattern shirt until the honour is claimed by some other lucky soul.

AWARD WINNERS TO DATE ON TOUR ARE:

ANGELA IANNOTTA — "The only way I can work out which passport is mine is that it's a different colour."

JANE OAKLEY — "Where does this freeway lead to?" (The group was actually



looking at an artificial downhill ski ramp)
SUNNI HUGHES — "I really feel like a hot chocolate or a McDonalds coffee."
Tom Sermanni — "That's good — there's



Professional Soccer League aspirations of Swan IC came to a shattering halt and defending champions Stirling Macdonalds led the previously undefeated team with a 4-1 hiding at Monia Park.
The unlikely Lions hero was Alex Allen (Cunningham) (right) who led a rare hat-trick.
The 27-year-old state player lifted after the game that his loss triple was probably when he 12 years old. Cunningham opened scoring directly from a 17th free-kick, then again on the
half hour intermission fashion Gary Lees then shipped number three in the first half. The home side a healthy give the home side a healthy break, thus greatly reducing the pressure on the Lions for their loss in the Night Series final.
Swan striker Terry W reduced the arrears five minutes after the break with his 11th goal of the season, but the Lions report yet another goal of their own 75th minute, when Cunningham scored a Paul Lincoln ceiling free-range.

Macca's across the road."
Sunni (5 minutes later) — "Oh awesome, here's a McDonalds!"
I guess you just had to be there...

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WITH
RICHARD
KREIDER

8 goals at Sorrento

Title contenders Sorrento and Inglewood Falcons shared the points following an entertaining 4-4 result at Percy Doyle Reserve last week, where at one stage the Gulls had the Falcons struggling at 3-1.

It was a gallant and gutsy effort from the Falcons who were forced to play coachless, owing to a shock mid-week resignation by Eddy Hodgkinson because of work pressures.

His place has since been taken over by Jimmy Pearson who returns to the helm for a third term.

Gary Lee started the goal deluge in the sixth minute by guiding home a loose ball through a forest of legs after the Inglewood rearguard failed to clear a Joe Sweeney free-kick.

John Pountain equalised in breathtaking fashion 10 minutes later when he drilled home a quickly taken free-kick from 25 metres.

The Gulls regained the



Mark Brown: Put the Falcons in front for the first time.

lead with a 25th minute penalty after a Joe Kelly strike was handballed by

Paul Strudwick.

Chris Barbas brilliantly saved Niel Blunt's spot-kick, but failed to stop Kelly putting away the rebound.

They went further ahead in the 31st minute when Simon Bowman was conveniently placed to put away a loose ball after Barbas failed to hold another shot from Blunt.

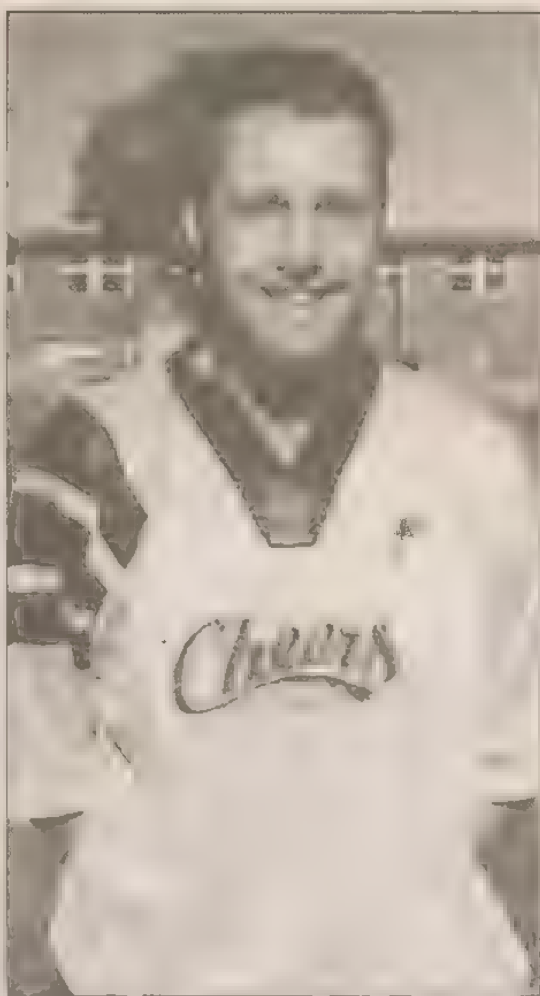
But the fighting Falcons made it 3-3 at the interval firstly with a Strudwick penalty in the 40th minute, then Jason Ainsley dispossessed defender Ian Sinclair two minutes further on, then coolly slotted the ball under the advancing Richard Wilson.



Paul Donnelly: Gave away penalty.

Mark Brown put the Falcons in front for the first time in the 55th minute, but lost the advantage in the 69th when Kelly converted the games third penalty after Paul Donnelly deliberately handled in the area — the State defender was fortunate not to receive a red card.

Donnelly was sent off but previous week for allegedly striking Paul Lincoln of Stirling Macedonia, but was allowed to play due to an appeal.



Jason Ainsley: Scored the goal that made it 3-3.

SPEARWOOD STUN PERTH

Spearwood Dalmatinac stormed to the head of the PSF table after a 3-0 victory over Perth at Dorrien Gardens. After a goalless first-half, wizard winger Gerry Christie opened the scoring, followed by a Dean Wallace header, and then substitute Michael Mirco netted the third. "The score-line doesn't indicate how close the game really was," said Spearwood coach Jimmy Miller. "The difference was we scored our chances, and they never."

BAYSWATER DRAW

Bayswater City moved into the top-four after a 1-1 draw with league newcomers Stirling Panthers at the Osborne Park Ground. Adrian Biundo netted for City in the opening minutes when he beat goalkeeper Frank Letizia to a Jason Van Rooy centre. Former Bayswater player Robbie Perruzza salvaged a point for the Panthers mid-way through the second-half when he pounced on and put away a corner ball which was only half-cleared.

Wardle sacked

Fremantle City coach Gerry Wardle is the first sacking casualty for the current league season, after his side Fremantle City went down to Floreat Athena 4-1 at the Velodrome. His position has since been taken by former Northern Ireland International Noel Larkin.

Socceroo Stan Lazaridis made a welcome return to the Floreat Athena line-up by netting two of the goals. Michael Roki opened up the scoring in the third minute when he headed home a Taki Nicolaidis free-kick, the visitors equalised immediately with an Andy Thorburn penalty, but Lazaridis later scored two quick goals to make it 3-1 at the break. Floreat could only manage to add a fourth goal owing to a brilliant display of reflex goalkeeping by City's substitute 'keeper Freddie Oliveira who came on for Adrian Rawlings at the interval.

"Had it not been for their substitute goalie, 10-1 would have been a more realistic result," said Floreat coach Eric Williams.

LIONS MAUL SWANS

The Professional Soccer League title aspirations of Swan IC came to a shuddering halt and defending champions Stirling Macedonia inflicted the previously undefeated league leaders with a 4-1 hiding at Macedonia Park.

The unlikely Lions hero was defender Alex Cummings (right) who collected a rare hat-trick.

The 27-year-old state player admitted after the game that his previous triple was probably when he was 12 years old. Cummings opened the scoring directly from a 17th minute free-kick, then again on the

half-hour in identical fashion.

Gary Lees then slipped home number three in the 33rd minute to give the home side a healthy lead at the break, thus greatly reducing any intentions Swan had of gaining revenge for their loss in the recent Night Series Final.

Swan striker Terry Worsfold reduced the arrears five minutes after the restart with his fifth goal of the season, but the Lions responded with yet another goal of their own in the 75th minute, when Cummings headed home a Paul Lincoln centre from close range.



W.A. DOWN WEST HAM

Western Australia produced an international boilover by defeating English premier league side West Ham United in a penalty shoot-out last Friday.

The two sides were locked together at 2-2 at the end of regular time but WA triumphed 5-3 in the shoot-out, with Gareth Naven hitting home the clinching goal after Ian Feuer missed with West Ham's third attempt.

The home side took the match to its more fancied rival with Slobodan Despotovski and Stan Lazaridis featuring in a number of attacking raids.

WA looked set to take the match in normal time but dangerous striker Steve Blaney levelled the scores at 2-2 in the 77th minute after neat lead-up work on the edge of the goal square.

Western Australia beat touring English side West Ham United 5-3 in a penalty shoot-out after scores were locked 2-2 at full-time at the WACA ground.

Scores: WA 2 (Michael Roki 31st, Slobodan Despotovski 63rd) West Ham United 2 (Mark Watson 58th, Steve Blaney 77th). Referee David Mortimer. Crowd approx 10,000.

The Hammers came out firing in the second half after going to the break down 1-0 with Mark Watson getting the visitors on level terms in the 58th minute.

But soon — after Despotovski scored the goal of the match when he rammed home a hip-high header amid heavy traffic following a neat cross from Michael Roki.

Despotovski was later named man of the match.

In the first half, West Ham mounted a number of unsuccessful raids, the home side responded with an offensive rush of its own in

the 31st minute.

Roki found himself on the end of a long pass and threaded his shot around goalkeeper Les Sealey to give his side an unexpected 1-0 lead.

From there, WA grew in confidence with vice captain Lazaridis instrumental up front with a number of incisive runs.

He could easily have been awarded a penalty kick after being brought down with a suspect tackle by Tim Breacker and just failed to finish off a weaving raid on the stroke of half-time.



Gareth Naven: Scored the winner in the penalty shoot-out for W.A.

But West Ham had as many, if not more, scoring opportunities with poor execution costing the visitors dearly.

Blaney threatened numerous times but struck two genuine chances wide and delivered a third straight to goalkeeper Robert Zabica.



Tim Breacker: Was lucky not to give away a penalty for West Ham.

WA: Zabica, Tait, Murphy, Cummings, Naven, McVittie, Despotovski, Ainsley, Lazaridis, Miller, Roki. West Ham: Sealey, Breacker,

Brown (Whitbread 64th), Webster, Potts, Williamson (Blaney 78th), Hutchison, Allen, Currie, McPherson (Shipp 73rd), Watson.

The World's 14 Best Players

(According to the Australian Soccer World Survey)

ROBERTO BAGGIO

4
OF
FOURTEEN

NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER

Born February 18,
1967, in Caldogno
Italy

Previous clubs

Vicenza, Fiorentina

MORE IS expected of Juventus's Roberto Baggio than perhaps any other player in the world — especially after the single-handed goalscoring achievements which lifted Italy to the status of World Cup runners-up in the United States last year.

"In an international game which is increasingly uniform he is one of the few who can tip the balance," says Michel Platini, whose number 10 shirt Baggio has inherited at Juventus.

The past two years have been triumphant for Baggio, named by national coaches as the world's top player in 1993, he also picked up a winner's medal for the first time in his career as he inspired Juventus to victory in the UEFA Cup. These triumphs helped silence critics who had questioned whether the pony-tailed Italian really had the strength of character to exploit his talents to the full.

A practising Buddhist, Baggio made his name with local club Vicenza. Fiorentina signed the teenage prodigy but Baggio tore knee ligaments in his final appearance for Vicenza and spent the best part of two years on the sidelines. "It was during that lonely battle for fitness that I converted to Buddhism. I needed something deeper than the Catholic religion," Baggio recalls. "Today Buddhism helps me control my mind."

Baggio's reputation grew at Fiorentina and just before the 1990 World Cup Juventus paid a then world record \$16million to sign him, a deal which led to riots in Florence. Baggio proved his abilities with one of the outstanding goals of that World Cup, against Czechoslovakia. However, he struggled to adapt to life at Juventus, once provoking a scandal when he refused to take a penalty kick against former club Fiorentina. But his career has blossomed in the past three seasons and has become the focal point of inspiration for Arrigo Sacchi's Italian national team.

The World Cup started badly with defeat by the Irish Republic and a controversial substitution against Norway. Yet Baggio kept his cool and he and Italy were rewarded with the last-ditch goals which beat Nigeria and Spain and earned a semi-final against Bulgaria — in which Baggio excelled still further. He also collected a hamstring strain which would have kept him out of the next game — in any other circumstances. Of course, the World Cup Final was different. It was a sad reward for so many battles against the odds that Baggio, of all people, should miss the decisive penalty.

JUVENTUS • ITALY

The World's 14 Best Players

5
OF
FOURTEEN

NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER

Born February 8, 1966

in Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Previous clubs: CSKA

Sofia

HRISTO STOICHKOV fits the classic mould of moody stars with immense skill and suspect temperaments like Denis Law, Bernd Schuster, Paul Gascoigne and Eric Cantona.

A volatile player who received an indefinite ban from soccer as a teenager, the Barcelona striker is a potential match winner on his day. He has played in his club's four successive League championship triumphs and the 1992 Champions Cup victory. But there is a dark side to his temperament that has seen him in more trouble than most, including a two-month suspension in his first season in Spain for stamping on a referee's foot in rage after being sent off and then the recent public criticism of coach Johan Cruyff and team-mates which earned him a two-week ban.

Stoichkov made his international debut for Bulgaria in September 1987. He has been capped more than 50 times now, earning a central role with his country thanks to his immense class and power. Fearless and totally committed, he has impressive ball control, blistering pace off the mark, great tactical vision and a ferocious shot, especially with his favoured left foot.

If his team is trailing, Stoichkov can lift them. If an opposing defence is dominating the match, Stoichkov can tear it to shreds single-handed. Only his argumentative nature lets him down at times. His record of yellow cards for dissent is second to none.

Stoichkov joined Barcelona from CSKA Sofia at the start of the 1990-91 season, the first of the Catalan club's four consecutive championship-winning years, for a fee of \$5million. His fire and passion complemented the silky attacking skills of Michael Laudrup and the power and solidity of Ronald Koeman, Barcelona's established foreign stars. In the 1992-93 season Stoichkov was Barcelona's top scorer, netting 20 times in 34 games. In the 1994 World Cup, Bulgaria, with Stoichkov in their attack, improved stunningly on a dismal record of 10 defeats and six draws in five tournaments. They finished a best-ever fourth and Stoichkov was the tournament's joint top scorer.

It was all a far cry from the time nine years earlier when, as a 19-year-old with CSKA, Stoichkov was banned indefinitely for his part in one of Bulgaria's worst soccer scandals — the fist fights during the 1985 Cup Final against rivals Levski.

**Hristo
Stoichkov**

BARCELONA & BULGARIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Salisbury United	9	5	2	2	12	7	17
Raiders	9	4	3	2	14	10	15
White City Warriors	9	4	2	3	17	11	14
Adelaide Blue Eagles	9	4	2	3	21	17	14
Croydon	9	3	4	2	17	15	13
Port Adelaide Lion	9	2	5	2	12	15	11
Campbelltown City	9	2	1	6	11	18	7
Modbury	9	1	3	5	13	24	6

ROUND NINE SCORES

Campbelltown City	1	Pr Adelaide Lion	1
Croydon	1	Raiders	
Salisbury Utd.	0	Adelaide Blue Eagles	0
White City Warriors	5	Modbury	

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
West Adelaide	8	5	1	2	12	7	16
Para Hills Knights	7	5	1	1	10	5	16
Elizabeth City	9	4	4	1	14	10	16
West Torrens	7	4	2	1	14	6	14
Adelaide City	8	4	1	3	15	12	13
Cumberland Ltd	8	2	4	2	12	11	10
Plympton	8	3	1	4	12	11	10
Olympians	8	3	1	4	12	12	10
Enfield City	8	2	3	3	11	14	9
Noarlunga United	9	1	2	6	12	23	5
Seaford	8	0	2	6	6	19	2

ROUND NINE SCORES

Noarlunga United	1	Para Hills Knights	1
Cumberland United	0	West Adelaide	2
Adelaide City	2	West Torrens	1
Olympians	1	Seaford	0
Enfield City	0	bye	0

QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE MATCHES

Wynnum	2	Pine Rivers	0
Rosedale	5	Nth Star	0
Brisbane Lions	1	Coaststars	1
East. Subs	3	Willowburn	1
Bris. City	3	Nth Brisbane	0
Taronga R	2	Gr Thistle	1

QUEENSLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brisbane City	9	9	0	0	29	7	27
Rosedale Rovers	10	7	2	1	20	8	23
Taringa Rovers	10	7	0	3	17	10	21
North Star	9	6	2	1	19	15	20
Wynnum District	10	6	0	4	18	15	18
Brisbane Lions	10	3	6	1	17	10	15
Coaststars	10	3	2	5	14	15	11
Grange Thistle	10	3	1	6	17	22	10
Eastern Suburbs	10	2	1	7	9	26	7
Pine Rivers Utd	10	0	5	5	7	16	5
Willowburn	10	1	2	7	12	26	5
North Brisbane	10	0	3	7	9	18	3

NORTHERN NSW

STATE FIRST GRADE

Lake Macquarie	2	Wallsend Red Devils	0
Maitland Magpies	2	West Wallsend	4
Highfields v Weston Workers Bears (cancelled)			
Cessnock Hornets	3	Hamilton Warriors	1
Edgeworth Eagles	2	Broadmeadow Magic	0

NBN LEAGUE FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Highfields	5	4	1	0	22	8	13
Weston Workers Bears	4	4	0	0	16	0	12
West Wallsend Bluebells	6	3	1	2	12	11	10
Wallsend Red Devils	6	3	1	2	7	11	10
Edgeworth Eagles	5	2	2	1	9	6	8
Hamilton Warriors	5	2	2	1	10	8	8
Cessnock Hornets	5	2	1	2	5	4	7
Lake Macquarie Roosters	6	2	1	3	7	13	7
Broadmeadow Magic	6	0	1	5	2	12	1
Maitland Magpies	6	0	0	6	4	21	0

COFFS HARBOUR

FIRST DIVISION - (as at 21.5.95)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Coffs City Utd	7	5	1	1	23	7	16
Sawtell Scorpions	7	4	1	2	12	12	13
Port Utd	6	4	0	2	15	8	12
McLeay Valley Rangers	7	4	0	3	12	10	12
Urunga Raiders	6	3	1	2	12	10	10
Woolgoolga	7	1	0	6	7	23	3
Westlawn Tigers	6	0	1	5	8	19	1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FIRST DIVISION

Bayswater City	1	Perth	1
Swan IC	2	Sorrento	1

Victorian Youth League Cup Final

BY ROY HAY

WEERIBEE CITY 2 FRANKSTON PINES 0

Werribee City is the Vic Health Youth League Champion after a 2-0 win over Frankston Pines in the match between the winners of the North - Western and South - Eastern Divisions of the League.

The game was played as a curtain raiser to the Victoria versus West Ham United match at Olympic Park and several youngsters enhanced their reputations in a good open game.

well controlled by John Santa-Isabel. Werribee survived an opening burst by the Pines and the first half settled into a stalemate. Giuseppe Santalucia limped off for Werribee to be replaced by Andrew Sammartino and spearhead Charlie Muscat began to worry the Frankston defence in which Stefan Oter and Andrew McPartlane stood out.

Three minutes after the break Werribee City got the breakthrough when Muscat skipped clear of his markers and ran on to round keeper Stuart Webster.

Luke Parrot had been Frankston's main playmaker and he had a long shot which was

picked out of the air by the Bees keeper Enzo Messina. Ryan Gilmour came up from the back for the Bees to power in a header from a free-kick which Webster turned round the post.

Frankston tried hard to come back and substitute Boris Joksimovic had a flick header from a corner which troubled Messina.

Muscat made the game safe for Werribee with a carbon copy of his first goal, showing the coolness in front of goal which has earned him a call-up to the senior squad.

Darren Hilli had a fine shot turned round the post as the match drew to a close, with Werribee comfortable winners in the end.

TEAMS

Werribee City Bees: Enzo Messina, Kristian Zach, Marcus Jablonski, Joe Vella, Drage Milenkovski, Dobro Milenkovski, Charlie Muscat, Julian Zach, Ryan Gilmour, Giuseppe Santalucia, Chris Papamihail, Shaun Agius, Andrew Sammartino, Shaun Gatt, Mathew Barbetta, Daniel Glasie

Frankston Pines: Stuart Webster, Darren Hilli, Stefan Oter, Trent Malcolm, Andrew McPartlane, Derek Craik, Michael Doyle, Brian Tervit, Toby Patterson, Luke Parrot, Michael Anderson, Boris Joksimovic, Ricky Anstiss, Darren Craik, Robert Currie, Michael Moore.

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FA Cup Final '95

United succumb to double despair

Everton, in danger of relegation for much of the season, beat holders Manchester United 1-0 to win the English F.A. Cup for the fifth time on Saturday.

The only goal of a tense, exciting match came after 30 minutes when Paul Rideout headed home after a shot from Graham Stuart rebounded from the crossbar.

His strike gave Joe Royle's team its first major trophy for a decade after making the worst start to a season in its history.

United, without the suspended Eric Cantona, ineligible Andy Cole and the unfit Andrei Kanchelskis was a shadow of the side that won the cup and league double last year.

Royle, who played for Everton's losing 1968 Cup final team and who has transformed Everton's fortunes after replacing Mike Walker as manager in November said afterwards. "Someone was writing the script, I can't believe it."

"Our players were brilliant and our name was on the Cup."

The match-winning moment came when Everton skipper Dave Watson intercepted a ball from Paul Ince on the edge of the Everton penalty area and set up a classic counter-attacking movement.

He quickly found Swedish international Anders Limpar who sprinted into the United half before passing wide on the

right to Matthew Jackson.

With the United defence in tatters, Jackson cut inside Gary Pallister and crossed to Stuart who rifled a first-time drive against the bar. The ball bounced out to Rideout who headed it high into the net beyond Steve Bruce, helpless on the goal-line.

While Rideout's goal secured the victory, Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall, playing his 650th match for the club and the only survivor of its 1984 Cup-winning team, was just as much a hero.

With only 14 minutes to play and United desperately trying to hang on to its trophy, Southall brought back memories of Jim Montgomery's famous double save for Sunderland in the 1973 final against Leeds.

First, he parried a shot from substitute Paul Scholes and then kicked away his follow-up effort. Two minutes later Southall made a superb, diving save from Gary Pallister's glancing header.

But the architect of Everton's fifth Cup win was the mercurial Limpar who ran everything in midfield until he was forced off with a hamstring strain in the closing stages.

United's defeat meant it has failed in a bid for a record ninth victory and failed to equal the feats of Newcastle and Tottenham in winning the Cup twice in succession this century.

It also became the first team since Everton in 1986 to



Duncan Shearer (left) and Goalscorer Paul Rideout: Hold aloft the daily takings.

finish runners-up in both the Cup and league.

United did not relinquish its hold on the Cup lightly.

After Ryan Giggs had replaced his injured skipper Bruce at half-time, the holders

dominated the second half for long periods.

Giggs twisted and teased his way down the left wing but everything United threw at Southall he stopped, including an acrobatic save from a Brian

McClair header which he pushed on to the bar after 68 minutes.

Both Royle and United boss Alex Ferguson caused something of a surprise when they announced their lineups.

Royle left Duncan Ferguson, the club's four million pounds sterling signing, on the substitutes' bench because of his lack of match fitness after a double hernia operation.

He left his most likely replacement - Nigerian World Cup player Daniel Amokachi - on the bench as well, preferring the tenacious Stuart. Both Ferguson and Amokachi appeared in the second half but neither man could add the second goal which would have spared Everton such a nerve-jangling ending.

Ferguson preferred Nicky Butt to Giggs in his starting line-up because Giggs was not fully match fit following a hamstring injury.

Everton, with Stuart, Joe Parkinson and especially Limpar out-thinking and out-battling Ince and Roy Keane in midfield, dominated the opening 15 minutes.

But it was lucky not to fall behind when Lee Sharpe fluffed a clearcut scoring chance, mis-hitting with only Southall to beat.

Bruce hurt his right hamstring making a clearance after 21 minutes and, although he battled on for the rest of the half, Giggs replaced him at the start of the second half.

Giggs gave his side more impetus but Everton's overall appetite for the fray, exemplified by captain Dave Watson who was named as the man of the match, left United without a major honour for the first time since 1989.

Everton: 1-Neville Southall; 2-Matthew Jackson, 5-Dave Watson, 26-David Unsworth, 6-Gary Ablett, 3-Andy Hinchcliffe, 17-Anders Limpar (11-Daniel Amokachi 68th), 18-Joe Parkinson, 10-Barry Horne, 15-Paul Rideout (9-Duncan Ferguson 51st), 8-Graham Stuart.

Manchester United: 1-Peter Schmeichel; 27-Gary Neville, 4-Steve Bruce (11-Ryan Giggs 46th), 6-Gary Pallister, 3-Denis Irwin, 16-Roy Keane, 8-Paul Ince, 9-Brian McClair, 5-Lee Sharpe (24-Paul Scholes 72nd), 10-Mark Hughes, 19-Nicky Butt. Referee: Gerald Ashby.

Ferguson blames United's defence

Alex Ferguson castigated his defence for losing Manchester United the F.A. Cup.



Alex Ferguson

"Our defending was absolutely terrible for their first goal," said the United manager. "I can't believe it."

"We had six men in front of the ball when they broke away to be four on two. That kind of defending in a Cup final is absolutely crazy."

Ferguson, whose side conceded the fewest goals in the premier league this season - just 28 - said he thought that his experienced team should have been more patient.

"It showed that if you defend well you always have a chance. It's been a disappointing week for us. We lost the championship last Sunday and the Cup today but some days you don't get what you deserve," said Ferguson whose team finished without a trophy for the first time for six seasons.

"We just didn't get the lucky break we needed. You always need that in a Cup final."

Ferguson pointed to Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall as the difference between the teams.

"Neville had a marvellous game - one of those when you would need something special to beat him. I think he has won them the Cup."

Right Royle day for Joe

Old boy rekindles Everton glory days

Joe Royle admitted during the build-up to Saturday's F.A. Cup final that when he took over as Everton manager in November he had "no idea just how bad things were" at the club.

After beating Manchester United 1-0 in the final they have rarely been any better.

Royle, who made his debut for Everton as a 16-year-old and who became a hero to the fans for his powerful displays as a forward in the 1960s and 1970s, took over a team lacking passion and heart.

They were anchored to the bottom of the premier league with only one win from their opening 14 matches.

While outgoing manager Mike Walker had never settled into Goodison Park, Royle, who had been away from the place for 29 years, never really left.

Saturday's Cup final success by the team he himself dubbed "The Dogs of



Joe Royle: Everton old boy brings success.

War" for the way they battle and chase seemingly lost causes, completed a remarkable fairytale for the club - and one that he largely created himself.

Everton regard themselves as one of the "Big Five" of English soccer,

although their performances on the pitch have rarely borne out that boast in recent years.

But since Royle took over, Everton have lost only six games.

They ended the season with seven clean sheets in

eight games. "European form," beamed Royle.

Looking back to the dark days of November, Royle said: "The first thing we had to do was learn how to get a win or a draw when we were playing badly. The team had lost the winning habit."

Royle's success on Saturday was all the sweeter in that it avenged two heart-breaking defeats inflicted on him by Manchester United when he was Oldham manager.

In 1990 and 1994 United beat Oldham twice in F.A. Cup semi-final replays. Last year Royle was just 60 seconds away from taking Oldham to the Cup final when Mark Hughes equalised for United.

"I was very nervous for the last five minutes today thinking that history might repeat itself," said Royle, "but thankfully it didn't."

Everton has not won a trophy since lifting the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1985 but now, with new

owner Peter Johnson promising to put some big money into re-building the side, a bright new future beckons.

Seeing the way Everton demolished Tottenham 4-1 in the semi-final and beat United on Saturday it was difficult to believe that they had spent most of the season battling to avoid relegation.

"This is a big club and we must make sure that we never allow ourselves to slip so low again," said Royle. "Avoiding relegation last week was wonderful and a major step forward - winning the Cup is the icing on the cake."

The turning moment of Saturday's match came when Paul Rideout, who once scored a hat-trick at Wembley for England Schoolboys, headed the only goal after 30 minutes.

But the turning point of the season can be traced back to the day Royle walked back into Goodison Park as manager.

Millwall take rare award

Millwall became the inaugural winner of the Giantkillers Cup in recognition of its third and fourth round FA Cup triumphs over premiersides Arsenal and Chelsea.

Littlewoods Pools, the FA Cup sponsor, introduced the award to recognise the achievements of lower division clubs.

Millwall's new chairman, Peter Mead, received it from Littlewoods' John Moores on the Wembley pitch before Saturday's final.

Three other clubs were also featured in the Giantkillers awards - Marlow, who beat Oxford, Enfield for beating Torquay, and Wrexham who beat Ipswich.



ROVERS - Kings

THE VICTORY

Thirty seconds after thinking their world had collapsed around them, everyone connected with Blackburn Rovers was screaming with delight, crying tears of joy and believing that miracles really do happen.

The club's 81-year wait for the English soccer championship ended last week, but not before the season had taken one more final dramatic twist.

It had already produced enough to stretch the emotions to breaking point during the last 10 months of sleaze, scandal and sometimes superb soccer.

With less than a minute to play, league leader Blackburn went 2-1 down to Liverpool, stunning its players and supporters alike.

"I thought my heart had stopped beating when they scored," said Blackburn's owner Jack Walker later.

But by then Walker, who had spent \$127.82 million transforming Blackburn from a second division also-ran to a premier league champion, was almost speechless with joy rather than despair.

Within 30secs of conceding that goal, news reached Anfield that the final whistle had gone at Upton Park and that Manchester United had drawn 1-1 at West Ham.

Only a United victory could have deprived Blackburn of the title, so Rovers were champions for the first time since 1914.

A last-minute Liverpool winner rarely has been so inconsequential, and supporters who have just seen their team go a goal behind never have celebrated so hard.

It was a surreal end to a season so full of dramas on and off the pitch that it just had to be played out to the very last kick of the very last league game.

Apart from a few hours on December 26, Blackburn had been top of the table since November 26. Until a month ago it had only lost twice since late November - once to Manchester United and once to Tottenham.

But then it started to wobble, allowing Leeds to grab a last-minute draw, then losing 3-2 at home to Manchester City two days later before losing 2-0 at West Ham two weeks ago.

While Blackburn was shaking, Manchester United was relentlessly closing the gap, first from 11 points to eight, then to five and finally to two.

Beaten only twice in the league since before Christmas, United went to West Ham knowing it could take a third successive title if it won and Blackburn did not. In the end, neither team did win, but the



81 year wait: Captain Tim Sherwood holds aloft the silverware as his team-mates celebrate around him.

triumph was all Blackburn's.

The jubilation capped a season that will never be forgotten in the old Lancashire textile town - and will be long-remembered in many other places too.

It will long be recalled in Manchester as the season when Frenchman Eric Cantona, the darling of Old Trafford, kicked out at a Crystal Palace fan in January and then received a ban from the game until next September.

It will long be remembered in Southampton, after its goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was accused of fixing matches while playing for his former club Liverpool.

The case later involved Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers and Aston Villa's John Fashanu, although allegations against all three players have not yet been proved.

It is a season they will never forget at Arsenal after George Graham, the most successful manager in the club's history was dismissed for financial irregularity and midfielder Paul Merson entered a clinic after admitting to alcohol and drug abuse.

It is a season they will never forget at Tottenham, where German striker Juergen Klinsmann became an instant hero.

He helped revitalise a club that had been docked six points and banned from the Football Association Cup for financial irregularity.

Tottenham also was flirting with relegation until manager Ossie Ardiles made way for Gerry Francis.

It later had its points returned and almost reached the FA Cup final, falling to Everton in the semi-finals, but

Tottenham and English soccer in general will miss Klinsmann next season after his decision to return home to Bayern Munich.

It will be a season long remembered at Everton too, firstly after the club made its worst start without a win in 14 league and cup matches. But then it was revitalised with the arrival of former player Joe Royle as manager in place of Mike Walker, and Everton is now due to face Manchester United in the FA Cup final on Saturday.

The record books will show it was the season that Andy Cole moved from Newcastle to Manchester for a British record fee of \$14.91 million, as well

as the season he scored five for United in its 9-0 thrashing of relegated Ipswich.

Unfortunately, the season will also be seen as the time that soccer hooliganism returned to the English game, with right-wing factions helping to get the Ireland-England international in Dublin abandoned in February.

The other low point was the murder of a Crystal Palace fan last month before the FA Cup semi-final against Manchester United.

But most of all it will be the season that Blackburn turned a dream into reality and proved that romance still does exist in English soccer - even if it costs \$128 million.

THE OWNER

Jack Walker soaked up the atmosphere as Blackburn celebrated its first English championship in 81 years, and promised the Ewood Park faithful that he would do whatever is necessary to keep the club on top of the premiership.

The multi-millionaire steel magnate has spent about \$127.82 million in turning his

boyhood dreams into adult reality, as manager Kenny Dalglish has taken the club from the old second division to the summit of the domestic footballing world.

That achievement was greeted with riotous joy by the 30,000 Rovers fans - 30 per cent of the town's population - who were queuing 20-deep outside the ground 90 minutes before the turnstiles opened and then turned Ewood into a pageant of blue and white.

Hundreds, many of whom climbed the steep hillside behind the Walkersteel stand to watch, were locked out as the whole of Blackburn seemed to have descended on Ewood Park to give vent to the town's delight.

Dalglish put on a blue and white shirt to take part in an exhibition match between apprentices and veterans, with the chant of "champions" ringing around Ewood throughout the game.

The proof, if it was needed, that Blackburn really had ended Manchester United's domination of the English game came when premier league chief executive Rick Parry presented the trophy to skipper Tim Sherwood.

Walker, Dalglish and his backroom team joined the players in their lap of honour of the ground, itself a high-tech testament to the millions the owner has ploughed in since taking over the club.

The owner promised that he would do everything in his power to ensure the astonishing rise of the Lancashire club continued.

"We've got the best and we'll keep the best," said Walker. "We probably need just to strengthen the team and bring a couple of players in."

"The position we're in though means we've got time to do it. We can look around a bit before we do anything."

"We've done an awful lot in a short time and you've got to think about that, but we'll have a look over the summer."

"But whatever it takes we're prepared to make sure we do it. We want to get it right and we will."

Walker added that he would do all he could to ensure the two men most closely associated with the team's triumph - manager Kenny Dalglish and 37-goal striker Alan Shearer - remained at Ewood.

"I hope Kenny doesn't want to go anywhere from here," he said.

"And it's the same with Ray Harford as well. They're such a good team."

"As for Alan, well nobody's been talking about him going anywhere have they?"

Congratulatory messages had arrived at Ewood throughout the day, including a fax from Old Trafford which said: "Keep it warm. We want it back next year."

But this was very much Blackburn's day of triumph, as Walker, once again almost overcome with emotion, made clear.

"This is a great night," he said. "But you've got to believe it could happen, you've got to be a believer. In my heart of hearts I knew we could do it."



Two out of three: The goalscorer and the millionaire.



of English Soccer

THE COACH

Kenny Dalglish has never been able to handle finishing in second place.

As a soccer player with Celtic and then Liverpool, the Scot was always used to being first. Finishing runner-up to Manchester United last season only two years after his Blackburn Rovers reached the Premier League was good, but not good enough.

A year later, Dalglish is at the top.

During his 27-year career as a player and a manager, Dalglish has earned the reputation as being miserly with words. The media found him difficult to talk to because he would rarely give them the answers they wanted, even in triumph.

But his deeds and his teams have spoken for him.

While at Celtic, Dalglish won five Scottish championship medals, four Scottish cups and a League Cup before he transferred to Liverpool in 1977.

It was the biggest move in British soccer at the time, but it made no difference to the Dalglish success story. The medals just kept pouring in.

While at Liverpool, he won five league titles, four League Cups and three European Champions Cups. He became the first player to make 100 appearances for Scotland and the first to score 100 goals in both the Scottish and English leagues.

In his first season as player-manager, Liverpool won its first and only league-cup double. And in the 14 years Dalglish was at Anfield, there was only one season when Liverpool didn't either win the title or place second.

The team was atop the standings in the 1990-91 season when Dalglish stunned English soccer by announcing he had quit.

Significantly, Liverpool failed to hang on to that lead, wound up second to Arsenal, and has not won the title since.

Dalglish said he quit because he was mentally exhausted. Some observers said he was never the same after the 1989 tragedy at Hillsborough where he witnessed the deaths of 96 Liverpool fans crushed in an overcrowded section of the stands at the FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest.

He stayed away from soccer for eight months before he was tempted back by Blackburn Rovers owner Jack Walker.

"I think he came back for the enjoyment of winning," said Newcastle and England striker Peter Beardsley, who played for Dalglish at



Alan Shearer: King of Football, King of Blackburn, King of England.

Liverpool. "He's a winner. He walked away because he wasn't enjoying his job at Liverpool. You can see now he's probably more relaxed than he has ever been. Although it was bad news for us at Liverpool when he stepped down, it has probably done him good."

At Blackburn, multi-millionaire Walker had decided to put his money into making Blackburn a club on the same level as Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham.

The trouble was, Rovers had spent 12 seasons in the division below and needed someone to spark a revival on

the field.

Dalglish knew the players he wanted and used the money from "Uncle Jack" to rebuild the team.

Blackburn gained promotion in Dalglish's first season.

In 1992-93, its first season in the top flight, Blackburn placed fourth of the 22 clubs in the standings and reached the League Cup semi-final. Last season, the team was runner-up to Manchester United after a close title race.

This year, Blackburn moved into first place in November and stayed there. The Rovers became the hot — and sometimes only —

topic of conversation in this small north eastern city.

"Three years we've been in the Premier League and every year we have improved our points total, and our average crowd has risen," Dalglish said. "I take a great deal of satisfaction from the players, they have done everything I have asked of them."

Dalglish has spent some 28 millions pounds (\$A45 million) on players to give Blackburn the same squad strength as Manchester United.

He teamed England's top striker Alan Shearer, who cost \$A7.48 million from

Southampton, with Chris Sutton, a \$A10.68 million buy from Norwich. They scored a combined total of 58 goals in the championship season.

With the team in title contention over the past two seasons, almost every player in the Rovers lineup has played for a national team.

Goalkeeper Tim Flowers, defenders Graeme Le Saux and Paul Warhurst, midfielders Tim Sherwood, David Batty and Stuart Ripley and strikers Shearer and Sutton all have been called up by England, defender Henning Berg is a Norwegian international, defender Colin Hendry and

THE TEAM



THAT JACK BUILT

Just some of the stars owner Jack Walker brought to Ewood Park

TIM FLOWERS
(goalkeeper)
\$4.8million

HENNING BERG
(defender)
\$1million

COLIN HENDRY
(defender)
\$1.4million

JEFF KENNA
(defender)
\$2.4million

GRAEME LE SAUX
(defender)
\$2.4million

DAVID BATTY
(midfield)
\$4.8million

STUART RIPLEY
(midfield)
\$2.6million

TIM SHERWOOD
(midfield)
\$1million

KEVIN GALLACHER
(forward)
\$3million

MIKE NEWELL
(forward)
\$2.2million

ALAN SHEARER
(forward)
\$7million

CHRIS SUTTON
(forward)
\$10million

PAUL WARHURST
(utility)
\$5million

TOTAL:
\$45million

striker Kevin Gallacher have played for Scotland and defender Jeff Kenna for Ireland.

Blackburn clinched the title last Sunday, finishing one point ahead of Manchester United. Fittingly, the Rovers secured the title at Liverpool, losing 2-1 there but taking the crown because of second-place United's 1-1 draw at West Ham.

The other Baggio sinks Juventus

BY MICHAEL LAWRENCE
OF ACHING

Parma clinched the UEFA Cup last Thursday after a headed goal by Dino Baggio secured it a 1-1 draw in a highly charged second leg clash against arch Italian rival Juventus.

Baggio scored the sole goal in the first-leg encounter two weeks ago to give Parma overall victory 2-1 on aggregate.

Juventus dominated the match and looked set to overturn the first-leg deficit when Gianluca Vialli scored with a spectacular volley in the 33rd minute.

But a combination of scrappy finishing and fine saves by Parma goalkeeper Luca Bucci kept Juventus at bay, with the game pushed beyond its reach in the 53rd minute when Baggio headed home a cross from substitute Roberto Mussi.

"We were lucky," a relieved Parma manager Nevio Scala said after a bad-tempered match which saw seven players booked.

Italy's top two teams this season are due to meet again

FINAL

Second Leg

Parma won the UEFA Cup after drawing with Juventus 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in the second leg of the all-Italian UEFA Cup final.

If won the first leg 1-0 to take the tie on aggregate 2-1.

Scorers:

Juventus: Gianluca Vialli (33rd minute)

Parma: Dino Baggio (53)

Attendance: 80,750

Parma wins the trophy 2-1 on aggregate.

on Sunday, with Juventus needing just a draw to guarantee it the Italian league title. They then play each other twice more in the two-leg Italian Cup final.

The match got off to a frenetic start with Juventus striker Fabrizio Ravanelli shooting wide twice in the first 10 minutes.

Team mate Roberto Baggio then pulled clear in the box in the 15th minute and slipped a perfectly timed ball to the feet of Vialli, who just failed to squeeze the ball past in-form Parma goalkeeper Bucci.

But relentless Juventus pressure finally paid off when a pinpoint long-distance pass from Moreno Torricelli sailed over the heads of the stranded Parma defence to land at the feet of Vialli charging into the area.

The shaven-headed striker picked the ball up on the volley, blasting it past the despairing dive of Bucci and into the corner of the goal.

But Parma sprang to life, with Colombian international Faustino Asprilla showing his great

pace down the left wing and Gianfranco Zola probing the Juventus defence with some testing crosses into the area.

The Juventus defence, reinforced by the return of first-choice goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi who missed the first leg through injury, held Parma at bay until the interval.

But shortly into the second half Mussi flashed the ball across the goalmouth allowing Italian international Baggio, no relative of the more famous Roberto, to head home from point blank range.

The goal ensured Parma its first UEFA Cup and its second European title within three years following its 1993 Cup Winners' Cup victory against Antwerp. Last year it lost in the final of the same tournament to Arsenal.

Juventus, who elected to play its home tie in Milan's San Siro stadium because of a disagreement with city authorities in Turin over advertising revenues, never gave up in front of a raucous 80,745 strong crowd.

And for a moment it looked like Juventus had



Dino Baggio: His goal for Parma was enough to win the UEFA Cup.

forced its way back in the game when Torricelli, from the centre of the area, shot the ball into the back of the net with over 10 minutes of the match left to play.

But the goal was disallowed with two of his

teammates clearly off-side at the time of his strike.

Thereafter the match degenerated with Belgian referee Van der Wijngaert twice having to intervene to break up scuffles between players.

"We didn't take advantage of the clear opportunities that came our way," Juventus coach Marcello Lippi said.

"But Parma never left us any space and over the two matches they probably deserved their win."

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

AJAX STARS IN DOUBT FOR CUP FINAL

Frank Rijkaard, Ajax's former Dutch international midfielder, may miss Wednesday's European Cup Final owing to tendon trouble in the knee.

A club spokesman said Rijkaard struggled through training at the weekend and it was possible he would not be able to make the last training session on Monday before the team leaves for Vienna.

"There is a 65 percent chance of Rijkaard playing against AC Milan," the spokesman added.

Wednesday's final represents a last chance for Rijkaard to face his former Italian employers with whom he enjoyed so much success.

He won the European Cup twice with Milan, in 1989 and 1990 when he scored the only goal against Benfica, at Vienna. He also played in the 1993 final they lost to Olympique Marseille.

He joined Milan, along with Marco Van Basten, in 1987 after winning the

European Cup Winners' Cup with Ajax.

Two other Ajax players were fighting to get fit. Finnish striker Jari Litmanen was suffering from influenza and Patrick Kluivert had an ankle injury.

KLINSMANN BLASTS UEFA SCHEDULE

Jürgen Klinsmann signed off with two goals in his last match for Tottenham Hotspur in British territory and went home to his family.

Klinsmann and Nick Barmby, the man Spurs may be counting on for more goals next season without the inspirational German, each scored twice in the 2-2 win over a joint Kitcher-Eastern Hong Kong XI.

The match was a stroll for Spurs but to their credit they did not bring on a substitute to ease the burden for their star players at the end of a tough season.

Klinsmann, who will be heading back to Germany after finishing the Tottenham tour in China, still has his thoughts on playing conditions in Europe. The Interoto Cup that will take up



Jürgen Klinsmann: Signed off with two goals in his last match for Tottenham.

many teams time in July has angered him.

"I think this is the wrong way to qualify for Europe to be honest. It's just a way to make more money. I think it's totally wrong," said the 30-year-old German.

The tournament has been devised to give clubs who

finished outside the top three or four in their championship a chance to get into next season's UEFA Cup.

Many top sides throughout the continent — Tottenham included — are boycotting the event however.

"The players already have an 11-month season and this

will make it 12 months. I'm very happy that I don't have to do it," said Klinsmann who will be with Bayern Munich next season.

Klinsmann praised the top English, Italian and French clubs for rejecting the scheme. Sixty teams from 42 countries are to take part.

The 60 teams will play a group phase and 1st round in July. The first round winners meet in the quarter-finals and the winners from those matches will get a place in the preliminary round of the UEFA Cup in August.

EURO WRAP

FRANCE

Nantes secured the French Championship by drawing 2-2 at Bastia but most interest lies in the fate of St Etienne. The 10 times French champions were beaten 1-0 by Paris St Germain but they may be saved from relegation because Second Division pacesetters Marseille are ineligible for promotion owing to their being declared bankrupt.

GERMANY

Werder Bremen took a big step towards winning their fourth German title by thrashing Bayer Uerdingen 6-1. The gap at the top widened to two points when their main rivals Borussia Dortmund could only draw 1-1 with SC Freiburg.

Dortmund, whose injury list was lengthened when

striker Karl-Heinz Riedle tore knee ligaments in training, lost a point when Matthias Sammer, just back from injury, lobbed his own goalkeeper.

Dortmund's Andy Moller was also sent off for two yellow cards.

BELGIUM

Anderlecht won their third successive Belgian championship and their 24th in all with a 2-0 victory over Ghent. Nearest rivals Standard Liege also won 2-0 against Bruges but it still left them a point adrift of Anderlecht. Both games were marred by violence.

Standard Liege's fans tried to disrupt their match by invading the pitch although this would ultimately have made no difference.

Anderlecht fans fought a running battle with the Ghent police both inside and outside the ground and four policemen and one fan were seriously injured.

DUTCH

Ajax warmed up for their European Champions Cup showdown with AC Milan by scoring five goals and taking their season's total to 103 in the Dutch League alone. They secured the Championship last week.

SERIE A

SERIE A STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Juventus	32	22	4	6	56	28	70
Parma	32	17	9	6	48	30	60
Lazio	32	17	6	9	67	34	57
Milan	32	16	9	7	51	30	57
Roma	32	14	11	7	38	23	53
Cagliari	32	13	10	9	39	35	49
Inter	32	13	9	10	35	31	48
Fiorentina	32	12	11	9	60	52	47
Sampdoria	32	12	10	10	47	34	46
Napoli	32	11	12	9	38	45	45
Torino	32	11	9	12	40	47	42
Reggina	32	11	8	13	38	41	41
Padova	32	12	3	17	35	55	39
Cremonese	32	10	8	14	31	32	38
Genoa	32	9	9	14	32	48	36
Foggia	32	8	9	15	31	48	33
Reggiana	32	4	5	23	23	51	17
Brescia	32	2	6	24	17	62	12

SERIE A - ROUND 32

JUVENTUS.....0 PARMA.....4
 Juventus: Rampulla, Torricelli, Jami, Tacchinardi, Porini, Sousa, Di Livio, Deschamps, Viali, Baggio (Del Piero 85), Ravanelli.
 Parma: Bucci, Mussi, Di Chiara, Minotti, Susic, Couto, Fiore, D. Baggio, Crippa, Zola, Asprilla.
SCORERS: Ravanelli 11 & 69, Deschamps 38, Viali 65.
REGGIANA.....2 BRESCIA.....0
 Reggiana: Antonelli, Mozzini, Zanutta, Sgarbossa, Gregucci, Oliseh, Esposito (Simutenkov 75), De Napoli, Padovano, Futre, Brambilla (De Agostini 70).
 Brescia: Ballotta, Adani, Giunta, Baronio, Baronchelli, Battistini, Schenardi, Piovaneli, Neri, Corini, Gallo.
SCORER: Esposito 35, Oliseh 83.
INTER.....1 CAGLIARI.....2
 Inter: Pagliuca, Bergomi, Conte (Bianchi 57), An. Orlando, Festa, Fontolan (Dell' Anno 57), Jonk, Bertl, Bergkamp, Sosa.
 Cagliari: Fiori, Pancaro, Pusceddu, Villa, Bellucci, Firicano, Bisoli, Berretta, Dely Valdes (Allegri 83), Oliveira, Muzzi.
SCORERS: Sosa 17, Valdes 46, Paganin 56.
GENOA.....3 FOGGIA.....0
 Genoa: Spagnuolo, Rossi, Francesconi, Ruotolo, Caricola, Signorini, Van't Schip, Bortolazzi, Onorati (Manicone 56), Skuhravy, Marcolin.
 Foggia: F. Mancini, Padalino, Di Bari, Nicoli, Di Biagio, Cini, Mandelli, Bresan, Cappellini, De Vincenzi, Kolyanov.
SCORERS: Van't Schip 22, Skuhravy 61, Ruotolo 80.
BARI.....2 ROMA.....2
 Bari: Fontana, Montanari, Annoni, Bigica, Mangone, Ricci, Gautieri, Pedone, Toverli, Gerson, Protti (Guerrero 81).
 Roma: Cervone, E. Aldair (Annoni

73), Lanna, Statuto, Petrucci, Carboni, Cappioli, Thern, Balbo (Totti 52), Giannini, Fonseca.
SCORERS: Fonseca 5 & 70, Toverli 54, Protti 75.
LAZIO.....1 SAMPDORIA.....0
 Lazio: Marchegiani, Negro, Favali, Di Matteo, Bergodi, Chamot, Rambaudi, Fuser, Boksic, Winter, Signori (Casiraghi 71).
 Sampdoria: Zenga, M. Mannini, Ferri, Bellucci (57 Gullit), Vierchowod, Serena, Lombardo, Jugovic, Platt, Mancini, Invernizzi.
SCORER: Winter 81.
CREMONESE.....3 PADOVA.....0
 Cremonese: Turci, Garzya, Milanese, De Agostini (Sciosa 82), Dall' Igna, Verdelli, Chiesa (Crstiani 74), Giandebiaggi, Florijancic, Nicolini, A. Tentoni.
 Padova: Bonaiuti, Balleri, Gabnelli, Zattarin (Perrone 75), Cuicchi, Lelas, Nunziata, Zoratto, Vlaovic, Kreek, Maniero.
SCORERS: Chiesa 15, Milanese 20, Florijancic 93.
FIorentina.....6 TORINO.....3
 Fiorentina: Toldo, Carnasciali (Tedesco 46), Luppi, Pioli, M. Santos, Malusci, Carbone, Di Mauro, Batistuta, Rui Costa, Barano.
 Torino: Simoni, Angiola, Lorenzini, Sogliano, Pellegrini, Maltagliati, Rizzitelli, Bernardini, Falcone, Pele, Cristallini.
SCORERS: Baiano 25, M. Santos 27, Batistuta 34 & 90, Tedesco 51, M. Santos 57, Rizzitelli 76 & 88, Rui Costa 81.
NAPOLI.....1 MILAN.....0
 Napoli: Tagliatela, Pari, Tarantino, Bordin, Cannavaro, Cruz, Buso, Rincon, Agostini, Imbriani (Grossi 44) Pecchia.
 Milan: Rossi, Sordo, Maldini, Albertini, Costacurta, Galli, Massaro, Desailly, Boban, Lentini (Stroppa 27), Simone (Donadoni 1).
SCORER: Agostini 45.

GOALSCORERS

SERIE A

25 — Batistuta (Fiorentina)
 18 — Zola (Parma), Balbo (Roma), Rizzitelli (Torino)
 16 — Simone (Milan), Signori (Lazio), Toverli (Bari), Viali (Juve)
 14 — Ravanelli (Juve)

Juventus crowned Kings

Juventus secured its first Italian championship for nine years last week with a resounding 4-0 victory over second-placed Parma in Turin.

Two goals from Fabrizio Ravanelli and strikes from Gianluca Vialli and Frenchman Didier Deschamps brought the Turin side its title in a match Parma had to win to keep alive their hopes of snatching the championship from Juve's grasp.

The new champion now enjoys an insurmountable 10-point lead over Parma with just two matches remaining.

Italy's Roberto Baggio celebrated his first-ever Italian title by playing a key role in each of Juve's opening three goals.

First, the gifted playmaker masterminded a counter-attack from deep in his own half for Ravanelli's 11th minute opener.

Then, in the 38th minute, Baggio's neat backheel set-up Deschamps for his side's second before, in the 65th, a superb through ball laid on Vialli's 16th goal of the

season.

Ravanelli completed the humiliation with a fourth in the 69th minute to help Juventus claim quick revenge for its midweek UEFA Cup final setback against the same Parma side.

Lazio joined European Cup finalists AC Milan in a share of third place after Dutchman Aron Winter's 81st minute winner accounted for Sampdoria at the Olympic Stadium in Rome.

Sampdoria's hopes of qualifying for Europe next season were dealt a further blow by Inter's surprise 2-1 defeat at home to Cagliari.

The Sardinians boosted their hopes of a berth in the UEFA Cup by recovering from an early Ruben Sosa goal to win with an own-goal from Massimo Paganin and Dely Valdez's 56th minute effort.

Dutchman John Van't Schip, Czech Tomas Skuhravy and Gennaro Ruotolo kept alive Genoa's hopes of staying in Serie A, all scoring in their side's a 3-0 win over fellow-strugglers Foggia, which now looks certain to join Brescia and Reggiana in Serie B next season.

Roberto Baggio, is being

asked to take a pay cut of \$A1.8 million.

Baggio, whose contract expires in June, has been offered a two-year deal worth \$A1.8 million less than the

\$A6.7 million he would earn under his present conditions.

However, no-one looks capable of matching the \$A31 million transfer fee Juventus have placed on him.



Fabrizio Ravanelli and Juventus coach Marcelo Lippi: Celebrate another victory after taking the coveted Serie A title.

SERIE B - ROUND 35

Ascoli.....0	Vicenza.....0	Lucchese.....1	Venezia.....1
Cesena.....0	Pescara.....0	Palermo.....2	Ancona.....0
Chievo V.....1	Cosenza.....0	Perugia.....1	Udinese.....0
F. Andria.....0	Acireale.....0	Piacenza.....1	Atalanta.....5
Lecce.....1	Como.....0	Salernitana.....4	Verona.....1

SERIE B STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Piacenza	35	18	14	3	54	25	68
Udinese	35	17	12	6	54	32	63
Vicenza	35	14	17	4	40	21	59
Salernitana	35	16	11	8	54	36	59
Atalanta	35	15	14	6	44	34	59
Ancona	35	15	10	10	49	43	55
Perugia	35	12	17	6	41	25	53
Cesena	35	11	15	9	38	33	48
Verona	35	10	15	10	35	38	45
Palermo	35	10	13	12	30	28	43
Venezia	35	12	7	16	38	41	43
F. Andria	35	8	18	9	31	34	42
Cosenza	35	11	16	8	35	31	40
Chievo V.	35	9	13	13	33	34	40
Pescara	35	9	12	14	42	58	39
Lucchese	35	7	16	12	45	51	37
Ascoli	35	7	13	15	26	43	34
Acireale	35	8	10	17	22	39	34
Como	35	6	10	19	20	55	28
Lecce	35	4	9	22	30	60	21

Test Your Knowledge

ANSWERS

- (1) Glen Hoddle
- (2) Alan Collymore
- (3) Glen Le Tissier
- (4) Neal Hamilton & Nottingham Forest
- (5) Billy Bremner
- (6) Peter Lorimer
- (7) Joe Royle
- (8) Lazio
- (9) Lisa Casagrande
- (10) Aurelio Vidmar

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WORLD RESULTS AND TABLES

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE

— May 20 —

Division A

Radnicki Belgrade.....1	Zemun.....1
Red Star.....8	Rad.....1
OFK Beograd.....2	Borac.....0
Hajduk.....0	Partizan.....1
Vojvodina.....3	Becej.....0

TABLE

Red Star	17	13	3	1	56	14	40
Partizan	17	12	2	3	38	16	36
Vojvodina	17	10	3	4	33	22	36
OFK Beograd	17	7	3	7	19	25	24
Becej	17	6	4	7	14	27	24
Zemun	17	5	5	7	21	23	22
Rad	17	4	5	8	18	36	21
Borac	17	3	6	8	12	21	19
Radnicki Belgrade	17	3	3	11	19	34	15
Hajduk	17	4	2	11	14	29	15

Division B

Proleter.....1	Obilic.....0
Radnicki Nis.....1	Napredak.....0
Buducnost.....5	Sutjeska.....1
Sioboda.....0	Spartak.....0
Rudar.....1	Loznica.....2

TABLE

Buducnost	17	9	4	4	29	19	30
Radnicki Nis	17	8	4	5	27	13	28
Proleter	17	8	4	5	27	24	24
Sloboda	17	7	5	5	16	17	21
Napredak	17	7	2	8	16	18	21
Obilic	17	6	3	8	19	25	20
Loznica	17	6	3	8	25	29	19
Spartak	17	6	3	8	11	16	18
Sutjeska	17	7	1	9	23	25	16
Rudar	17	5	3	9	15	22	16

Note: Points total includes bonus points awarded at the start of the spring half of the championship.

Red Star won the Yugoslav Cup after drawing 0-0 with Obilic of Belgrade in the second leg last week.

Red Star won the first leg 4-0.

Attendance: 5,000.

BELGIAN FIRST DIVISION

Final Table

— May 20 —

FC Liege.....1	Lommel.....2
Ekeren.....2	Lierse.....4
Cercle Brugge.....1	Aalst.....1
Ghent.....0	Anderlecht.....2
Ostend.....2	Beveren.....1
Standard Liege.....2	Club Brugge.....0
Molenbeek.....1	Seraing.....0
Charleroi.....0	Antwerp.....0
Sint-Truiden.....2	Mechelen.....0

TABLE

Anderlecht	34	23	6	5	80	31	52
Standard Liege	34	21	9	4	52	23	51
Club Brugge	34	21	7	6	68	31	49
Aalst	34	14	11	9	63	57	39
Lierse	34	14	9	11	52	52	37
Ekeren	34	12	13	9	57	39	37
Lommel	34	13	9	12	43	42	35
Sint-Truiden	34	11	13	10	34	35	35
Seraing	34	12	10	12	53	45	34
Beveren	34	10	12	12	40	46	32
Mechelen	34	11	9	14	41	46	31
Molenbeek	34	10	11	13	34	41	31
Charleroi	34	10	11	13	33	43	31
Ghent	34	11	8	15	41	53	30
Cercle Brugge	34	9	10	15	43	52	28
Antwerp	34	8	8	18	40	56	24
Ostend	34	5	9	20	34	81	19
FC Liege	34	5	7	22	35	72	17

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

— May 20 —

Lyon.....1	Strasbourg.....0
Paris SG.....1	St Etienne.....0
Auxerre.....3	Lens.....0
Cannes.....2	Monaco.....2
Lille.....1	Bordeaux.....0
Metz.....3	Sochaux.....0
Caen.....2	Le Havre.....2
Rennes.....5	Martigues.....1
Nice.....0	Montpellier.....0
Bastia.....2	Nantes.....2

TABLE

Nantes	36	20	15	1	68	32	75
Lyon	36	19	11	6	54	35	68
Paris St Germain	36	20	6	10	56	36	66
Auxerre	36	13	17	6	56	34	56
Lens	36	14	14	8	45	40	56
Monaco	36	14	12	10	58	36	54
Cannes	36	15	8	13	52	40	53
Metz	36	15	8	13	48	43	53
Bordeaux	36	14	9	13	47	47	51
Strasbourg	36	12	12	12	42	41	48
Le Havre	36	12	12	12	44	46	48
Martigues	36	11	12	13	33	48	45
Rennes	36	11	11	14	50	53	43
Nice	36	11	9	16	36	47	42
Lille	36	11	9	16	25	43	42
Montpellier	36	9	14	13	37	50	41
Bastia	36	10	11	15	37	51	41
St Etienne	36	9	9	18	40	50	36
Caen	36	9	6	21	35	55	33
Sochaux	36	6	5	25	28	64	23

Nantes won the French league title when it drew 2-2 with Bastia on Saturday, gaining the one point it needed to clinch the crown.

CYPRUS FIRST DIVISION

— May 15 —

Anorthosis	32	21	7	4	64	25	70
Omonia	32	20	6	6	79	29	66
Salamina	32	16	6	10	55	48	54
Ethnikos	32	14	5	13	52	52	47
Apoel	32	13	6	13	40	40	45
Paralimni	32	12	8	12	42	47	44
Apollon	32	12	6	14	46	44	42
Aek	32	12	5	15	48	46	41
Ael	32	12	5	15	43	54	41
Olympiakos	32	12	5	15	38	64	41
Aris	32	10	7	15	42	45	37
Aradippou	32	3	4	25	35	90	13

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Play-off Semi-final - Second Leg

— May 17 —

Division One

Bolton.....2	Wolverhampton.....0
(After extra-time, 90 minutes 1-0.	
Bolton win 3-2 on aggregate)	

Reading.....0	Tranmere.....0
(Reading win 3-1 on aggregate)	

Division Two

Brentford.....1	Huddersfield.....1
(After extra-time, 90 minutes 1-1. 2-2 on aggregate. Huddersfield win 4-3 on penalties)	

Crewe.....1	Bristol Rovers.....1
(After extra-time, 90 minutes 0-0. Bristol Rovers win on away goals)	

Division Three

Bury.....1	Preston.....0
(Bury win 2-0 on aggregate)	

Chesterfield.....5	Mansfield.....2
(After extra-time, 90 minutes 2-2. Chesterfield win 6-3 on aggregate)	

Finals (all at Wembley):

Division one - Bolton v Reading (May 29)

Division two - Huddersfield v Bristol Rovers (May 28)

Division three - Bury v Chesterfield (May 27)

GREECE FIRST DIVISION

— May 21 —

Olympiakos.....2	Aris.....1
Athinaikos.....2	Xanthi.....2
Apollon.....3	Ethnikos.....0
Edessaikos.....2	AEK.....1
Iraklis.....3	Doxa.....1
Levadiakos.....1	Larissa.....2
Panathinaikos.....6	Panionios.....1
OFI.....2	Kavala.....0
Ionikos.....0	PAOK.....2

TABLE

Panathinaikos	32	24	5	3	77	21	77
Olympiakos	32	18	7	7	62	28	61
Apollon	32	19	3	10	66	33	60
PAOK	32	18	5	9	52	28	59
AEK	32	16	10	6	59	32	58
Iraklis	32	16	8	8	56	37	56
Aris	32	17	5	10	42	33	56
OFI	32	15	4	13	39	36	49
Xanthi	32	13	8	11	47	52	47
Edessaikos	32	13	3	16	44	48	42
Athinaikos	32	10	10	12	28	30	40

Larissa	32	11	7	14	38	41	40
Panionios	32	10	6	16	36	53	36
Ethnikos	32	8	9	15	32	48	33
Ionikos	32	9	6	16	27	50	33
Doxa	32	8	4	20	26	64	28
Levadiakos	32	5	4	23	30	63	19
Kavala	32	4	4	24	23	71	16

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

— May 21 —

Celta.....0	Deportivo Coruna.....2
Real Betis.....1	Barcelona.....1
Real Madrid.....1	Real Valladolid.....0
Logrones.....0	Real Oviedo.....2
Albacete.....0	Real Sociedad.....1
Athletic Bilbao.....3	Tenerife.....2
Sporting Gijon.....1	Valencia.....0
Racing Santander.....0	Atletico Madrid.....0
Compostela.....0	Sevilla.....4
Espanol.....2	Real Zaragoza.....0

TABLE

Real Madrid	34	21	9	4	72	25	51
Deportivo Coruna	34	17	11	6	52	28	45
Real Betis	34	13	15	6	41	21	41
Sevilla	34	15	10	9	49	34	40
Barcelona	34	15	10	9	53	43	40
Real Zaragoza	34	17	6	11	49	43	40
Espanol	34	13	13	8	44	31	39
Athletic Bilbao	34	14	10	10	37	35	38
Real Oviedo	34	12	13	9	43	36	37
Valencia	34	12	10	12	46	39	34
Real Sociedad	34	10	13	11	49	42	33
Tenerife	34	12	8	14	51	52	32
Celta	34	9	13	12	29	43	31
Atletico Madrid	34	11	8	15	48	49	30
Compostela	34	9	12	13	36	46	30
Racing Santander	34	10	9	15	36	45	29
Sporting Gijon	34	8	12	14	40	58	28
Albacete	34	7	14	13	37	52	28
Real Valladolid	34	6	9	19	20	59	21
Logrones	34	2	9	23	13	65	13

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

— May 21 —

Willem II Tilburg.....1	NEC Nijmegen.....3
MVV Maastricht.....3	Dordrecht '90.....3
Volendam.....3	Roda JC Kerkrade.....3
Twente Enschede.....1	Vitesse Arnhem.....3
RKC Waalwijk.....2	PSV Eindhoven.....4
NAC Breda.....2	Heerenveen.....3
Utrecht.....0	Sparta Rotterdam.....0
F Rotterdam.....0	Ajax Amsterdam.....5

TABLE

Ajax Amsterdam	33	26	7	0	105	26	59
Roda JC Kerkrade	33	21	10	2	65	28	52
PSV Eindhoven	33	20	7	6	83	43	47
Feyenoord Rotterdam	33	19	5	9	66	51	43
Twente Enschede	33	17	8	8	65	47	42
Vitesse Arnhem	33	14	11	8	54	43	39
Willem II Tilburg	33	13	8	12	44	47	34
RKC Waalwijk	33	11	10	12	45	49	32
Volendam	33	8	13	12	36	50	29
Heerenveen	33	11	6	16	46	60	28
NAC Breda	33	10	7	16	50	58	27
Groningen	32	8	10	14	46	59	26
Sparta Rotterdam	33	8	9	16	40	56	25
Utrecht	33	7	11	15	39	58	25
NEC Nijmegen	33	8	7	18	46	59	23
MVV Maastricht	33	7	8	18	39	69	22
QAE Deventer	32	6	9	17	37	71	21
Dordrecht '90	33	4	10	19	35	66	18

PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION

— May 21 —

Tirsense.....	1	Benfica.....	3
Sporting.....	1	Chaves.....	0
Salgueiros.....	1	Porto.....	2
Estrela Amadora.....	1	Guimaraes.....	0
Boavista.....	1	Gil Vicente.....	0
Beira Mar.....	1	Setubal.....	0
Belenenses.....	1	Farense.....	0
Uniao Madeira.....	2	Maritimo.....	0
Braga.....	2	Uniao Leiria.....	0

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

CANTONA PLAYS

Disgraced soccer star Eric Cantona, banned for the rest of the season for attacking a spectator, played a game recently with full permission from soccer's ruling body.

The Manchester United star was authorised by FIFA to play for the all-star Variety Club of France in a charity game against amateur side Marly-le-Roi.

He scored the first goal in the 2-2 draw and said afterwards: "I was really happy to play again, to rediscover the feelings."

Cantona, 28, was sent off against Crystal Palace on January 25 and banned until September 30 for jumping into the crowd and attacking a fan who was taunting him.

He was sentenced to two weeks jail for the assault, reduced on appeal to 120 hours community service teaching football skills to children from the Salford area of Manchester.

barrier for the first time in 14 years, Parry described 1994/95 as "fundamentally successful but with important reminders that there can be no room for complacency."

In an end-of-season assessment, he added: "The game's integrity is paramount and all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the game is guided by the highest possible standards."

A catalogue of troubles include match-rigging allegations involving Bruce Grobbelaar, Paul Merson's self-confessed addiction to drugs, drink and gambling, and Eric Cantona's explosive style kick at a Crystal Palace fan.

Cantona's United colleague Paul Ince is in court this week after being charged following the same match, Chelsea's Dennis Wise is currently on bail pending an appeal against a three-month prison sentence for

A dozen get the chop

TREVOR FRANCIS' departure from Sheffield Wednesday last week takes the number of English soccer Premier League clubs to have parted company with a manager this season to 13.

THE FULL LIST IS:

Billy Bonds	West Ham	Resigned	Aug
Ossie Ardiles	Tottenham	Sacked	Nov
Mike Walker	Everton	Sacked	Nov
Ron Atkinson	Aston Villa	Sacked	Nov
Gerry Francis	QPR	Resigned	Nov
Brian Little	Leicester	Resigned	Nov
John Lyall	Ipswich	Resigned	Dec
Phil Neal	Coventry	Sacked	Feb
George Graham	Arsenal	Sacked	Feb
John Deehan	Norwich	Resigned	Apr
Alan Smith	Crystal Palace	Agreed	May
Brian Horton	Manchester City	Sacked	May
Trevor Francis	Sheffield Wed.	Agreed	May

assaulting a taxi driver and George Graham was sacked by Arsenal after a league enquiry.

REAL LOSS FOR BUTRAGUENO

Spanish international Emilio Butragueno confirmed he would leave Real Madrid

at the end of the season but did not say where he would go.

"Until things are fully decided, I don't want to talk about where I will be playing next year," said the 31-year-old forward, capped 69 times.

Butragueno, dubbed "El Buitre" (the vulture) for his knack of pouncing on loose balls in the penalty area, has been widely tipped to end his career in Japan.

He made his first team debut for Real in 1984, scoring twice, and totalled 123 goals in 341 games.

But Butragueno has made only a handful of first team appearances this season.

million spectators in a single season.

In addition to 15 league games, the 13-time league champion had also played five home matches in the Champions League at Olympic Stadium.

Munich's last two home games already are sold out, bringing its season ticket sales to 918,000 for league games in 1994-95. VfB Stuttgart had set the old mark in the 1977-78 season.

PARREIRA REJECTS U.S. JOB

Another top coach has rejected offers to coach the US national team.

Brazilian World Cup champion coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has become the second man in as many days to say he would not take the job, joining Portugal's Carlos Queiroz in turning down the bid.

Parreira reportedly said he told the US Soccer Federation (USSF) several weeks ago he would remain coach of Spanish first division club Valencia.

Hank Steinbrecher, the USSF executive director, said last week he would try to sign Parreira if Queiroz turned down the job. Bora Milutinovic had held for four years before being fired last month.

Steinbrecher said he has a list of 10 candidates he is considering for the job. Interim coach Steve Sampson will guide the US team at the US Cup in June and Copa America in July.

VAN BASTEN READY FOR RETIREMENT

Marco Van Basten, AC Milan's Dutch striker sidelined by a long term injury, looks set to announce his retirement from soccer.

The 30-year-old forward said he will talk of his "sporting future" at a news conference in Milan, expected to be held any day now. Van Basten, three times voted European player of the year, has been out since May 1993 with an ankle injury which required three operations.



Butragueno: "The Vulture" set to leave his nest.

Earlier last week, AC Milan signed Liberian-born centre-forward George Weah from Paris Saint Germain.

LAZIO TO SELL GAZZA

The owner of Rome team Lazio said on Saturday that the club will sell Paul Gascoigne, the talented but injury-prone player, at the end of this season, with two years still on the Englishman's contract.

Sergio Cragnotti, the Italian industrialist-financier who owns the first division club, said Lazio was considering several bids for Gascoigne and that a deal should be wrapped up in a few weeks.

Gascoigne himself came close to tears today as he read a statement in Italian to Italian media.

"I don't know if I'll play in Italy, Scotland, England or with the national team next year. I don't know if I'll play again. Maybe I won't play any longer," Gascoigne said at Lazio's training camp.

Cragnotti indicated that Gascoigne is likely to join a British team.

"Paul must find himself as a man and as a player, and can do it only by returning home," said Cragnotti.

Chelsea, Aston Villa,

Glasgow Rangers and Leeds are known to have made bids reaching as high as \$49.94 million for Gascoigne.

Cragnotti told the Italian news agency AGI that Lazio may also sell its Dutch midfielder Aron Winter to return its balance sheet to the plus side.

"We got some good bids for Winter," he said.

Gascoigne, who returned a month ago to action after a year's absence due to a double leg-fracture, has said he'll return home next week to deal with family and other personal problems.

In what appeared to be a farewell message for Lazio fans, Gascoigne said "they always supported me, they have always been in my heart."

Despite Gascoigne's absence throughout this season, Lazio proved the highest-scoring league team and climbed to fourth place overall, within UEFA Cup qualification.

BOLTON SINK WOLVES

Bolton overturned a one-goal first leg deficit to book their second Wembley appearance of the season and end Graham Taylor's promotion dream on a night of high drama in English first division playoffs last week.

Playoff results page 24

CHELSEA UNITED

Chelsea director Matthew Harding, who has supported the London soccer team since he was a child, has bought the club's Stamford Bridge ground for \$A35.26 million.

In doing so, he guaranteed the future of the club at the only home it has had since foundation 90 years ago and helped strengthen its bid to become championship-winning material.

Harding, 40, whose personal fortune of \$A320.5 million is reported to make him the 45th wealthiest man in Britain, was recruited onto the Stamford Bridge board 18 months ago by chairman Ken Bates, the club's major shareholder.

Bates also fought hard to keep property developers away from the ground throughout the 1980s and Harding's purchase is likely to unite the club rather than divide it.

Chelsea is desperate for success and this season the club reached the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals having last year been beaten in the FA Cup Final at Wembley by double-winner Manchester United.

The only championship success came in 1955 and the only FA Cup success in 1970.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL REFLECTS...

English premier league chief executive Rick Parry has demanded total commitment to the search for higher standards within English football at the end of a campaign dubbed "the season of sleaze."

With attendance levels breaking the 11 million

Shearer signs with Umbro

Alan Shearer (below) re-signed a contract with sportswear giant Umbro in an eight-year deal worth almost \$A5.39 million last week — but the best centre-forward in England will still be cleaning his own soccer boots.



The Blackburn and England goal machine, who started out with Umbro by writing to the firm as a teenager and asking for a pair of boots, has signed a deal believed to be the most lucrative of its kind.

Shearer has just won his first championship medal with Rovers and was spearhead of last year's European Championship triumph.

"I clean my own boots when I'm away with England and it's a tradition at Blackburn we clean our own kit. Maybe we cannot afford a washday," he said.

An Umbro spokesman confirmed Shearer will receive a basic \$A539,150 a year for wearing their boots and training equipment, thus outstripping the reported \$A1,078,300 over four years Ryan Giggs is understood to receive from Reebok.

Shearer, who has scored 37 goals this season, continued to dodge questions over his future at Blackburn beyond next season, adding: "Let me enjoy winning the title, then set my sights on the second half of my goal which is to help England win the European Championships."

"I signed a four-year deal with Blackburn so I've a year left and unless Blackburn wants to sell me I will not be asking for a transfer. And if the club want to offer me a new contract I'll look at it," added the 24-year-old.

Shearer believes that Rovers, who lost to Finnish side Trelleborg in the UEFA Cup this season, will be a strong force in the European Cup next season but quipped: "As long as we do not go to Trelleborgs in the preliminary round of the European Cup I'll be happy."

"I think we'll do well in Europe. The games with Trelleborgs were probably the only time we let ourselves down this season."

Shearer, who has been learning Italian, will be wearing the latest version of Italian-made Umbro Speciali.

CITY TARGET UNITED'S MAN

Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson delivered an emphatic "hands-off" warning to bitter rival Manchester City over his assistant manager Brian Kidd.

The 45-year-old Kidd, a favourite for both Manchester clubs in his playing career, has emerged as City's top target to replace sacked boss Brian Horton in the Maine Road hot seat.

City chairman Francis Lee strongly denied he had approached Kidd but his admiration for the way Ferguson's assistant had established United's successful scouting network is well-known.

But Ferguson, who said earlier this year that he expected Kidd would eventually replace him in the Old Trafford hot seat, made it clear that as far as he was concerned his assistant was going nowhere.

DAYERN SETS RECORD

Bayern Munich has set a Bundesliga attendance record, averaging 54,176 fans for its home league games.

Munich, a 13-time German first-division champion, two weeks ago also became the first German club to draw one

BRAZIL STILL NUMBER 1

World champions Brazil maintained its lead in the latest world soccer rankings issued by FIFA last week:

Leading players: 1994 positions in brackets.

1.	Braz (1)	66.05 points
2.	Italy (4)	62.23
3.	Spain (2)	61.26
4.	Norway (8)	60.08
5.	Germany (5)	59.97
6.	Sweden (3)	59.19
7.	Netherlands (6)	58.84
8.	Argentina (10)	57.61
9.	Mexico (15)	57.54
10.	Ireland (9)	56.89
11.	Romania (11)	56.63
12.	Bulgaria (16)	56.46
13.	Switzerland (7)	55.13
14.	Denmark (14)	55.02
15.	Russia (13)	54.26
16.	Portugal (20)	53.21
17.	France (19)	52.82
18.	Belgium (24)	50.82
19.	Colombia (17)	50.44
20.	Nigeria (18)	50.17

SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —

SAO PAULO CHAMPIONSHIP

First Stage	
America/Rio Preto1	Guarani.....1
Juventus1	Aracatuba.....1
Rio Branco2	Uniao Sao Joao2
Sao Paulo1	Bragantino.....1

TABLE	
Sao Paulo	24 13 7 4 39 22 46
Santos	23 11 9 3 42 25 42
Portuguesa	23 11 9 3 34 23 42
Corinthians	23 9 11 3 37 20 38
Guarani	24 10 7 7 34 28 37
Uniao Sao Joao	24 9 7 8 31 30 34
Palmeiras	22 9 6 7 38 26 33
Rio Branco	24 6 10 8 34 36 28
Ferroviaria	23 8 4 11 21 27 28
America	24 5 12 7 23 27 27
XV de Piracicaba	23 6 8 9 31 34 26
Bragantino	24 6 8 10 25 31 26
Juventus	24 6 7 11 21 29 25
Aracatuba	23 7 4 12 23 36 25
Novorizontino	23 4 9 10 18 32 21
Ponte Preta	23 5 6 12 21 46 21

Note: top seven teams plus the winners of the second division qualify for the second stage.

COPA BRASIL

Quarter Final second Leg	
Atletico Mineiro0	Vasco da Gama1
(Aggregate score 1-1. Vasco da Gama win 4-1 on penalties)	
Corinthians2	Parana1
(Corinthians win 2-1 on aggregate)	
Flamengo1	Cruzeiro1
(Flamengo win 2-1 on aggregate)	

Note: the Copa Brasil is played between winners and runners-up of the previous year's regional championships.

RIO DE JANEIRO CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Stage	
Bangu1	Botafogo3
Enterrriense0	Flamengo2
Fluminense1	America/Rio Janeiro0
Volta Redonda0	Vasco da Gama3

TABLE	
Botafogo	8 6 0 2 15 5 18 1 19
Fluminense	8 6 1 1 16 8 19 0 19
Flamengo	8 4 2 2 20 12 14 3 17
Vasco da Gama	8 4 2 2 13 5 14 1 15
America	8 2 3 3 7 8 9 0 9
Bangu	8 2 3 3 7 10 9 0 9
Volta Redonda	8 1 2 5 7 19 5 0 5
Enterrriense	8 0 1 7 3 21 1 0 1

COLOMBIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

— May 15 —	
Atletico Huila.....0	Atletico Nacional.....0
Cucuta0	America.....0
Deportivo Cali4	Santa Fe.....0
Independiente Med.0	Caldas.....0
Millonarios1	Tolima1
Pereira4	Envigado.....1
Tulua3	Quindio.....2
Union Magdalena.....0	Junior3

TABLE	
Junior	21 11 8 2 45 23 41
America	21 10 8 3 34 24 38
Indep. Medellin	21 8 10 3 32 22 34
Deportivo Cali	21 8 10 3 36 28 34
Atletico Nacional	21 8 9 4 35 26 33
Caldas	21 8 8 5 29 21 32
Tolima	21 8 7 6 28 27 31
Tulua	21 8 6 7 26 29 30
Santa Fe	21 6 11 4 27 19 29
Quindio	21 7 7 7 25 26 28
Pereira	21 7 4 10 37 35 25
Union Magdalena	21 6 5 10 19 29 23
Millonarios	21 3 11 7 26 36 20
Cucuta	21 3 8 10 15 31 17
Atletico Huila	21 3 5 13 20 41 14
Envigado	21 2 7 12 23 40 13

"The Prince" of Uruguay

River Plate fans, in Argentina call him "The Prince" because of his skills and talent.

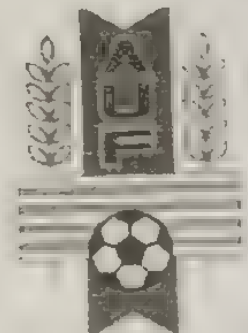
He is one of the best Uruguayan players of the last 20 years and one of the world's most admired footballers. He played for Uruguayan club Montevideo Wanderers, River Plate of Argentina, Cagliari and Torino of Italy and came back to River Plate last year. Since then he has been among the best 10 players of Argentine football.

He represented Uruguay at youth level in Australia's 1981 World Cup and at senior level for the last 14 years.

His name: Enzo Francescoli.

The following is an extract of an interview with the prestigious Argentine sports magazine "El Grafico".

Who is Francescoli? Just a good human being. Are you a quiet person? In general terms yes, but sometimes I become annoyed with unfair things. What do you think of homosexuality? I respect it but I don't share



it. Are you afraid of AIDS? I think all human beings are afraid of it. What things make you violent? Violence. What's happening in Yugoslavia, Africa and some other countries. What means soccer in your life? Passion. What team do you follow? I always supported Penarol... Any sad memory? The 30 minutes I had to suffer after Uruguay lost against Brazil in Maracana for the 1994 World Cup qualifying rounds. What do you think of coach Oscar Tavarez? He has charisma and

personality. One of the best Menotti?

I don't know him.

Bilardo?

I don't know him either, but I think he is a coach with a strong character who always goes forward.

Cubilla?

He had a lot of problems with us during the 1994 qualifying rounds because he created them.

Americo Gallego?

We were good friends as players. An excellent person. Passarella?

I never had the chance to meet him.

Menem?

I only saw him once in France, we never met, but I know he is a fan of River Plate.

Maradona?

A friend. He looks after the player's rights and especially the ones that are weak. That's the reason why I always admired him. The fact that he is one of the greatest and still remembers his fellow players means he is a great person.

Why you chose to be a soccer player?

I never chose it. It happened. I used to play with other boys of my age and I was luckier than the others.

A friend in soccer?

A few... Daniel Fonseca, Carlos Aguilera, Nelson Gutierrez...

Do you believe in God?

Yes I do. I asked him too much, and he gave me a lot.

A politician?

Mahatma Ghandi and Nelson Mandela.

Have you ever experienced cocaine in soccer or have you seen



Enzo Francescoli:

One of the greatest to come out of Uruguay.

any other player using it?

No, never.

The best player you have ever seen?

Pele, Cruyff...but the best I ever saw and played against was Maradona.

Who was your most difficult marker?

Karl-Heinz Forster.

Your best goal?

Playing a friendly against Polonia with River Plate in Mar del Plata.

The best stadium?

Maracana if it is full. Another one is la "Bombonera" (Boca Juniors stadium).

What are you going to do when you retire from soccer?

I don't know yet. First I would like to share time with my family.

Who is your idol?

Fernando Morena (former Uruguayan international and the highest scorer in the history of Uruguayan

soccer).

Do you hate Boca Juniors?

No...but I love River Plate.

Is Argentine soccer the best in the world?

No.

Why does Uruguay produce so many good players?

Because Uruguayan soccer is very good.

Why are you respected by everyone?

Because I respect everybody.

Would you like to be River Plate's coach.

In the future yes, not now. I would like to coach River Plate and the Uruguayan national team

Rio wants 2004

Olympics

The Brazilian Olympic Committee, which includes Pele and the president of soccer's world governing body FIFA, announced last week it will put forward Rio de Janeiro as a candidate for hosting the 2004 Olympic Games.

Joao Havelange, the FIFA president, has been working on the Rio 2004 Project since 1993, it said.

Havelange said the city of Rio de Janeiro is to invest some \$US\$ billion (\$A6.85 billion) dollars to host the Games.

London, Berlin, Istanbul, Rome, Brussels, Beijing, Stockholm, Puerto Rico, Seville, Lille and Cape Town have also shown interest in hosting the 2004 Games.

BRAZILIAN PLAYERS THREATEN STRIKE

Brazilian soccer players, led by World Cup heroes Romario and Branco, threatened to go on strike over what they described as the theft of gate money at Rio de Janeiro championship games.

"We are all being hit, the clubs and the players and the supporters who go and pay to get in," said Flamengo full-back Branco, best-known for his stinging left-foot shot.

"It's unacceptable when you can see that there are 80,000 to 100,000 people at the game and at the end they announce an attendance of 50 or 60 thousand."

Branco said: "Something is wrong, nobody has solved the problem. As the principal artists in the show, we have to do something about it."

He added that a strike would be a last resort.

There have been allegations for years about the theft of gate money in Brazil but authorities have never managed to investigate the matter properly.

Fans at games sometimes jeer when the official attendance is announced.

The Spanish Herald

MARCEL DESAILLY

FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Another record beckons the AC Milan star

Only four footballers, remarkably, have won the European Champions Cup — the most prestigious club competition in the world — with two separate clubs.

Only one, however, has won the Cup with two separate clubs in successive seasons.

The four double-winners are Dutch free-kick specialist Ronald Koeman, Romanian sweeper Miodrag Belodedici, Yugoslav forward Dejan Savicevic and French midfielder Marcel Desailly.

And it is Desailly, the Ghana-born midfielder or defender, who won the Cup with his two clubs in successive seasons — with Marseille against Milan in 1993 and then with Milan against Barcelona a year later.

Desailly will hope to win a record third European Cup Final when he plays for AC Milan against Ajax Amsterdam this Thursday morning Australian time.

Desailly, born on September 7, 1968 and married with a three-year-old daughter, possesses skill

and a not bad amount of great power. This is what makes him such an effective force either as a defender stopping opposing forwards or in midfield where his physical strength creates openings which Dejan Savicevic, Roberto Donadoni and Marco Simone can exploit.

His story is a typical example of the rags to riches legend which continues to inspire so many youngsters around the developing world.

Born in Accra, Desailly never knew his father and mother and was adopted, as a baby, by the original Marcel Desailly, who was French consul-general in Accra. When the young Marcel was only four the family all came to Nantes, France.

Young Marcel was outstanding at football, track and field and tennis. He admired Ed Moses and Yannick Noah but, when it came to making a choice, he followed elder brother Seth and turned apprentice with Nantes.

From that point, his career has been one long string of success. At 18 he turned professional and made his league debut, at right-back against Sochaux,



Marcel Desailly: Setting records.

His versatility was already appreciated and, in a UEFA Cup-tie against Torino, he played sweeper in the first leg and stopper in the second.

The young Desailly was almost over-whelmed by the money he was earning and the lifestyle available. Fortunately, perhaps, when out shopping one day he struck up a friendship with the girl on the till at his local supermarket, they were soon married and Desailly was a potential playboy no longer!

Few French clubs can match Nantes when it comes to developing outstanding young players. But, of course, the time comes when almost all of them want to move on to richer, more fashionable clubs. Desailly earned his opportunity in 1992.

The first contacts with Marseille were made informally, in 1990, when Desailly was away playing for Ghana. National team 'leader' Abedi Pele was a hero in Marseille and suggested Desailly might consider joining him. For two years Desailly and Nantes both said no...until Marseille upped their offer to \$2.4million.

Desailly says: "I knew it

wouldn't be easy — and it wasn't! For the first three or four months I worked harder in training than I had ever worked in my life. It wasn't like Nantes.

At Marseille no-one was certain of keeping his place in the team and I wanted to win the league and play in the Champions Cup."

He did both. And not only did he play in the Champions Cup but he was, ultimately, a member of the Marseille side which defeated Milan 1-0 in the Final in Munich.

Desailly, that memorable night, shut the great Marco Van Basten out of the game.

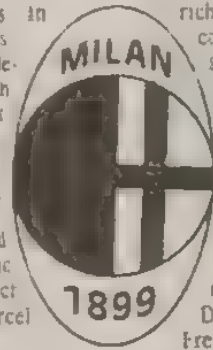
But disaster was just around the corner for Marseille.

Two weeks after the European triumph, the club was plunged into a match-fixing scandal and financial disaster.

President Bernard Tapie had to sell star players in all directions to pay the club's debts.

Milan, remembering Desailly's starring role against Van Basten, snapped him up in November 1993. They have no regrets.

After all, at the end of last season Desailly made Champions Cup history for them...



Eastern Europe's latest star

In the 60s, Valeri Lobanovskii. In the 70s, Oleg Blokhin. In the 80s, Igor Belanov.

And now Victor Leonenko has emerged as the brightest star of Kiev Dynamo, the brightest star of Ukrainian football.

He has been named Player of the Year three times in succession, and his gift for scoring — vital goals, spectacular goals, any type of goals — seems sure to make him the latest big money export to a western outfit.

The 90s began badly for Kiev Dynamo, the Ukraine's top club. Blokhin became a coach in Greece. Midfield general Alexander Zavarov joined French club Nancy. And Alexei Mikhailichenko went to Sampdoria in Italy and then on to Rangers in Scotland.

Then along came Leonenko...who is not Ukrainian, but Siberian, and reached Kiev via Moscow, despite being a big fan of his current club.

He was born in Tumen, the industrial heart of Western Siberia, and began playing organised soccer when he was six.

He had to start early, because the severe weather in that area means that the game can only run for six months of each year.

At 17 Leonenko was a regular in the Geolog Tumen team in the old Soviet Second Division, and had turned down two bigger clubs while discussing a possible move

to Kiev Dynamo.

At that time, all the Dynamo clubs in what was then the USSR were owned by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, based in Moscow. "I was found by officials from Moscow and sent there against my will," he says.

So although he wanted to play for Kiev Dynamo, he found himself at their namesake club in Moscow, but now does not regret the experience.

"Going to such a club after Siberia was like moving from the bottom of society to the top," he says. "For the first time I was meeting great players I had only seen on TV."

On the break-up of the Soviet Union, however, he elected to go to Kiev after all, and left Moscow after playing 16 games and scoring nine goals, and after a spectacular row with the coach, Valeri Gazzaev.

Despite that, the Muscovites wanted to keep him, and the case went to UEFA, who were perhaps taken aback when Leonenko told them: "I'll never play in Moscow again, even if they give me half the city."

He got his way, a fee was agreed between the two dynamo clubs, and Leonenko was free to play for the club of his choice...when he could get a game.

New coach Mikhail Fomenko, a former sweeper, did not see eye to eye with the newcomer about his

role, and Leonenko was dropped several times before gaining a regular place.

His 16 goals helped Dynamo to the 1993 championship, and he also hit the decisive goal in the Cup final to clinch the double for his club.

In the same year he scored twice in a sensational 3-1 defeat of Barcelona in the Champions cup, when Kiev played for 80 minutes with 10 men, only for the Catalans to take the second leg 4-1.

Fomenko's defensive methods cost Dynamo the match, according to Leonenko, and a furious argument ensued. Most people sided with the player, and the upshot was the coach's resignation.

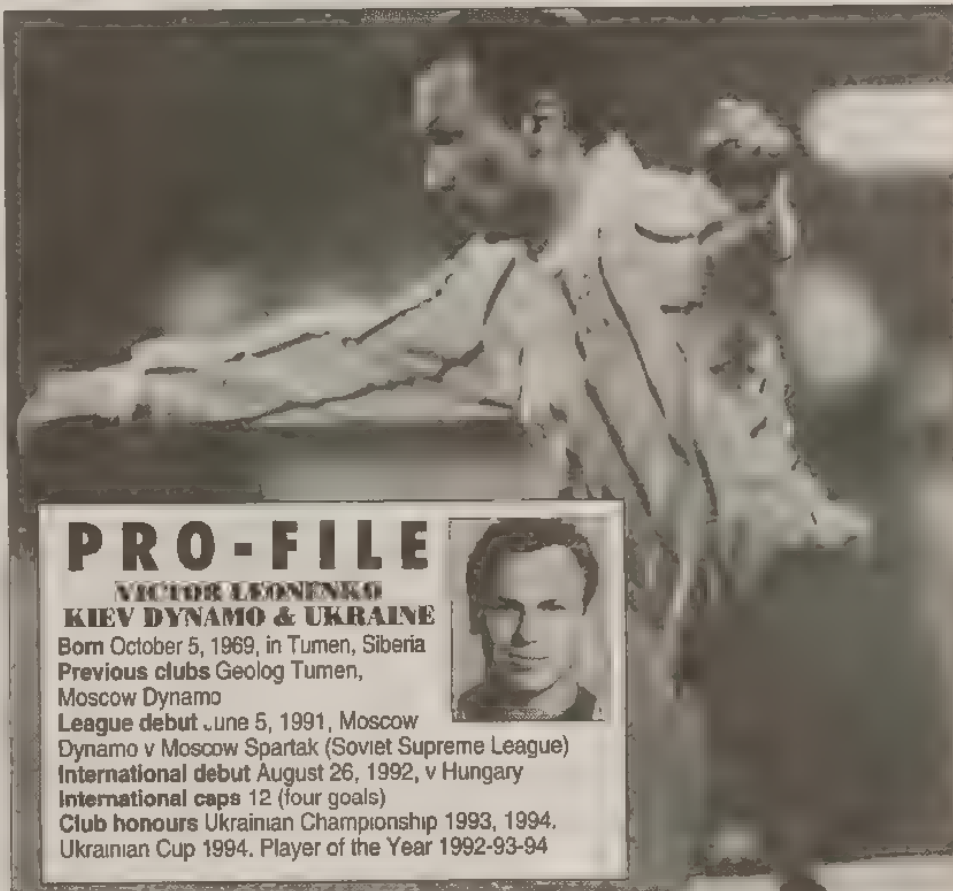
His replacement, Jozef Szabo had played for both the big Dynamo clubs in the 1960s.

After a remarkable match last September, when Leonenko scored twice and inspired his club to a 3-2 win after their Moscow namesakes had been two up, Szabo said: "Victor is the only one of the present squad who would get into my best ever Kiev team."

"He's good enough for any side in Europe, a winner who makes everyone around him play better. For me, he is the perfect striker."

Eventually the championship was retained, with Leonenko scoring 15 goals.

He also put up further creditable performances in Europe — where three home games drew



PRO-FILE

VICTOR LEONENKO

KIEV DYNAMO & UKRAINE

Born October 5, 1969, in Tumen, Siberia

Previous clubs Geolog Tumen, Moscow Dynamo

League debut June 5, 1991, Moscow

Dynamo v Moscow Spartak (Soviet Supreme League)

International debut August 26, 1992, v Hungary

International caps 12 (four goals)

Club honours Ukrainian Championship 1993, 1994, Ukrainian Cup 1994. Player of the Year 1992-93-94



a total attendance of nearly 250,000 to the Republican Stadium — and for the Ukrainian national team.

Leonenko made his international debut in August

1992, against Hungary, and has gained 11 further caps, scoring four goals, two of them in two minutes against the USA in October 1993.

There will be many more

honours for his modest 25-year-old son of the snowy north.

But such are the laws of soccer supply and demand that he seems sure to figure in summer spots before long.

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER



First mention this week must go to the fantastic efforts of SBS in showing not only the Cup Winners Cup final but also the end of season title deciders from the UK.

I add my thanks to Les Murray for the mention during the CWC game and once again state that SBS is THE football station in Australia. Free to air TV may become a thing of the past in the years to follow but full credit to the guys for their magnificent support of the game to date.

Keep up the good work.

**CELTIC v
EXCELSIOR
(AIRDRIEONIANS)**

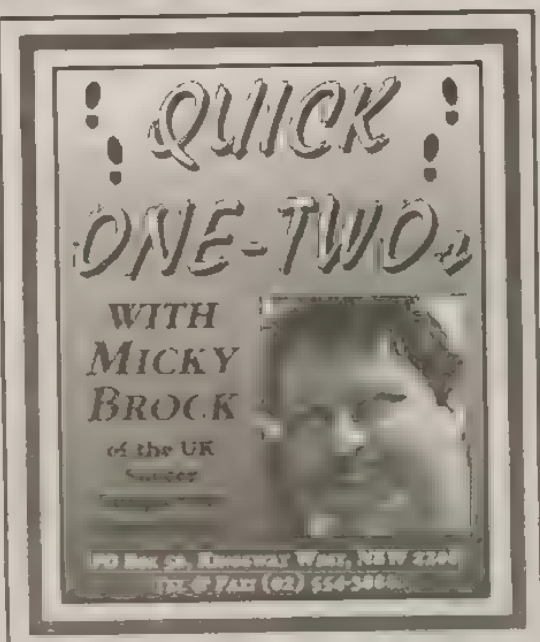
Now we've got your attention it's time to continue Excelsior Football Club was founded in 1878 and played at Mavisbank (off the High St). It wasn't until 1881 that they changed their name to Airdrieonians FC and finally moved to Broomfield Park in 1892 where their first game was a 3-5 loss against a Queens Park XI. Having said goodbye to Broomfield at the end of the 1993/94 season after playing Dunfermline on May 7, 1994 they "temporarily" moved in with Clyde at their Broadwood Stadium for this term. How ironic that two clubs not playing at their respective grounds have made the Scottish FA Cup final in 1995!

Not many sides can match the cup exploits of Celtic in the Scottish game and indeed Airdrie have only played in two finals with the first being in 1924. This was played at Ibrox before a crowd of some 59,218.

They beat Hibernian 2-0 with Russell scoring both goals. Of the team that day — Ewart, Dick, McQueen (not Gordon!), Preston, McDougall (not Ted!), Bennie, Reid, Russell, Gallagher, McPhail and Sommerville, only Dick and Sommerville were "uncapped" players, an amazing feat for a small homely club. Their other appearance in the final was in 1992 when they lost to Rangers 2-1 with the Airdrie scorer being A Smith (not of Arsenal).

They have also played Celtic in the semi-final stages of this competition on no fewer than three occasions and are yet to beat them.

In 1955 saw them draw 2-2 before losing the replay 0-2, 1961 saw a 0-4 defeat.



Two other semi's appearances led to defeats by Third Lanark (1-2) in 1905 and Kilmarnock (2-3) in 1932, for a club of their stature and limited resources, it is quite an achievement for the side to hold this sort of record especially when considering that they finished in fourth place in Division One!

Of course Airdrieonians did make the semi-final of the Coca-Cola Cup this year when beaten by eventual winners Raith Rovers but success has come to the team in the shape of the B & Q Cup which they won by defeating Dundee 3-2 in the final. Scorers on the day were J Boyle, P Harvey and A Smith once more. This can go down as a very successful season by normal standards but winning the Scottish FA Cup would certainly cap it off nicely. However, the side has some other "noteables" which you would not consider usually:

◆ 1894 Their biggest win Vs Dundee Wanderers in Division Two 15-1. Scorers: Martin 5, Bob Scott 4, Inglis (not Simon the author) 3, Kyle 2 and a McDonald own goal completed the scoring.

◆ 1912 Change of strip to White with Red Diamond first worn against Rangers at Ibrox.

◆ 1922-26 Four consecutive seasons as Division One runners-up.

◆ 1956 First Scottish march played under permanent floodlights Vs Blackburn. Lost 2-3 with Baird scoring for Airdrie.

◆ 1970 First match in Scotland decided on "penalty kicks" when they drew 2-2 with Notts Forest. Airdrie scored with five attempts 'keeper MacKenzie joining in by saving three shots.

◆ 1988 Fastest goal scored

in Scottish football when John Butler netted against Falkirk reserves after just five seconds!

This names just a few but gives you an idea of just how hard this little club has battled over the years to compete with the "big boys" as they say.

Celtic on the other hand have won the cup more times than you've had hot dinners, no fewer than 29 occasions in fact, with the last being in 1989. This was the last major trophy to find its way into the trophy rooms and the defeat in this year's Coca-Cola Cup final to Raith Rovers must be seen as a chance lost when considering the proud history of the "Bhoys".

The other Scottish Cup wins were in: 1892, 99, 1900, 04, 07, 08, 11, 12, 14, 23, 25, 27, 31, 33, 37, 51, 54, 65, 67 (won the European Cup this year and became the first "British" club to do so), 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, 80, 85 and 88. Not a bad record for a team who started life when a Marist brother (brother Walfrid) started a side to use the game of football to raise money for the poor and hungry of Glasgow's impoverished East End. A noble deed but no-one could have imagined what was to come, the legend of the "Bhoys" was born.

Celtic hold the record for consecutive League championships too having won nine straight between 1966 and 74, a feat their "old firm" rivals are trying to beat having just won their seventh in a row. Added all together and it makes 35 Championships, 29 SFA Cups and nine League Cups which just about proves Celtic's pedigree "north 'O' the border".

No-one would suggest that

this will be an easy game for either side but history is heavily stacked in the Glasgow side's corner.

Like most, I would naturally assume that the Bhoys will be overwhelming favourites but you've got to shout for the underdogs sometimes.

The mood at Hampden will be tense and here's what some of the Celtic people have been saying recently: "we want to forget about the cup final and make sure we go into it with a guaranteed place in Europe by finishing second in the league."

The team may want to think about it but they have to realise that only those who play with passion and conviction will gain a place in the side!... Skipper Paul McStay adds: "We've got something to play for this time around and it's great. The season has been quite successful so far, apart from the League Cup. Now though we have our character back and have second place in the league to go for and obviously the Scottish Cup. Being in the final is brilliant but I think it's really important to get on with the job in hand and that means those league games." Indeed Celtic's mission this year has been to:

- ◆ Rebuild the first team.
- ◆ Complete redevelopment of Celtic Park and make it one of the best stadiums in Europe.
- ◆ Returning Celtic to its former status of one of the best in Europe.
- ◆ Meet the aspirations of supporters at home and abroad.
- ◆ To help with the regeneration of Glasgow's East End
- ◆ Promote Celtic Park as a major seated venue in Scotland and the UK.

Unfortunately they, like Airdrie, finished in fourth place and so missed out on an automatic spot in Europe but this in turn means there's everything to play for from both sides. My prediction would have to be Celtic 3-1 but the underdog syndrome contained within all neutrals wants an exciting game, plenty of goals and perhaps



Tony Cottee: In town with West Ham.

the possibility of an upset?

My sincere thanks must go to the lovely Amanda Gillon for supplying the information on Airdrieonians and of course the chairman George Peat. Special thanks extend to Peter McLean at Celtic for the same reasons and for the autographed pennant for the Giant Charity Auction and Raffle to be held in September. To the editor and staff of The Celtic View for their help too. It proves once again that distance is no object and football, the clubs, supporters and game belong to us all — the "football family". Good luck to both teams, congratulations to the winners and hard luck to the runners-up, maybe next year?

West Ham United are in town as we all know but you can meet them before tomorrow (Wednesday) nights game by being at Blacktown City Soccer Club TONIGHT! Yes for tonight only they will be training down at the Gabbie stadium between 5-6.30pm and a small informal buffet will be held afterwards in the auditorium. This is the chance for all supporters to

meet the players and talk to some of the game's stars or grab those all important autographs etc.

The Gabbie is situated in Quinn St, Seven Hills. Nearest station is Seven Hills from where it's a short 5-10 minute walk to the ground (go in the opposite direction to the flyover/bridge cross the tracks) although there is ample parking provided at the stadium itself.

Blacktown City Demons officials always provide a warm welcome to all supporters and Don O'Regan is mildly excited about the visit of his team. Support the company who bring the guys out here so that this trend continues for many years to come and take a look at one of the best little grounds in NSW while you're at it. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you find and didn't know existed.

Membership of the UKSSD is now open and the benefits to you the supporter are enormous. As a member you will receive a discounted price on merchandise from THE SPORT FACTORY at Fairfield making already low prices that much cheaper still.

In addition you can obtain a discount on almost the entire range of merchandise that we can offer which extends to T-shirts, video's, books, Mini Leaguers and a host of other items. Negotiations are underway with a travel company to offer a discount on air travel, not just international but

local, business and holiday flights too!

As more and more companies/business's come on board with us, the greater the variety and savings you can command. This is not just for Sydney based supporters and neither is it just for UK football fans as this offer extends to anyone who follows the game from just about anywhere in the world. Cost of membership is a mere \$10 per year which runs from January 1st to December 31st. You will also need to send one passport sized photograph for your membership card. ONLY card holders can command the discounts on offer which obviously means that everyone needs one of their own. Membership will also mean cheaper, if not free each time, entry to all UKSSD organised events which I can assure you all of will be far bigger and better than ever before but you'll never know if you don't join up?

We intend to put out a small newsletter every two months or so which will inform you of where the cheapest shops etc are in the various states and what you can expect to find there PLUS any news on who else has joined the party. We will also provide generous discounts on items from our own selection of merchandise and offer "special" rates on particular items for members. A merchandise catalogue will be sent out with your membership card for your perusal with the saving you can get as a member placed at the heading of each section. This list includes items from all over Europe too so don't feel left out

LATE NEWS

Congratulations to Bolton Wanderers and Reading on making the play-offs for the right to join the Premier League along with Middlesbrough. This match is due to be played on May 28th I believe and hopefully it will be shown "live" over here or at least a "delayed telecast". Why should this particular game be shown?

Reading have two Australian players in the side and Bolton only narrowly lost to Liverpool in the Coca-Cola Cup final this year and the match should prove to be a real winner if past season's are anything to go by. My tip would be Bolton to go up but as ever, good luck to both sides and the best team will win on the day.

CLUB DIARY

CELTIC (NSW)

The WULLIE MOLLOY'S will hold a Scottish Cup Final Party at Coogee/Randwick RSL Club on Saturday 27th May. Tickets cost \$10 and are available from the club. Door prize consists of an autographed Celtic shirt and there is another along with a football, as raffle prizes. Get down there for a fantastic night of fun and football. ALL welcome to attend as usual.

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FANZINE CORNER

BY MICKY BROCK

THIS SUPPORTING LIFE

(How to be a real
football fan)

This book is written by Kevin Baldwin. In the brief preface about the author it states: "Born in 1961 and baptised at Carrow Road in 1967".

His first book was called Norfolk "n" Good which said correctly could sound quite rude but is in fact about the best ever drudge on about the canaries?

Is it another boring copycat affair after the success of Nick Hornby's FEVER PITCH which covered his thoughts and trials of following Arsenal in the late 60s to date?

Perhaps another book about what a wonderful fan I am because I go to an away game each year...if I can! The answer to all of these questions is a resounding NO IT'S NOT!

The book is all about football etiquette or, to put it another way, the correct way to be a supporter and what to expect when you finally realise that the "obsession" has struck you.

After reading it you will realise just how true to life it is and the underlying tones that run throughout become more obvious. Don't get me wrong, the book is hilarious and not a political pamphlet on the game but I'd better try and explain more about it I suppose. To say it's 275 pages of wit, humour and laughs would be the easy way out!

Let's take chapter one for example: "I wanna be in that number" or "Choosing your team". Most of us follow our

father's lead or more often than not, the team actually choose's us. The first team you ever see is the side you follow for the rest of your life but there are many other reasons for doing so too and just about every one is explored here with hilarious results.

Indeed every aspect of being a supporter is catered for in this publication and is written in such a manner as to be easy going and highly amusing that would soon have us all adding our heads in agreement. We've all done the sort of things mentioned here at some time or other although we sometimes pretend we do not. Here's a few examples:

■ Advice on buying food outside the grounds — and basic first aid tips should you ignore it.

■ The true meaning of the phrases "groin strain" and "Utility player".

■ How to spot the serious

addict — his house is painted in his team's colours.

■ Which genetic aberration produces a Wimbledon supporter.

■ How to get into grounds without paying — try joining the Red Devil's Parachute team.

■ How to pass that long boring week and a half during the summer when there isn't any football.

All the tips are here to help you cope with the lonely life of following your team. How to arrange an excuse with the wife/husband, children, parents, in-laws etc when a match falls on their birthday or what to tell the boss when you disappear for that "mid-week" game. It's all here and much, much more. This is the definitive "following football" book and once started is impossible to put down except when drying your eyes through laughter. It's not often I laugh out loud when reading but my

family almost called the doctor in at one stage as my normal behavioural patterns went out of the nearest window.

There is one opportunity I cannot pass up and it comes in chapter 13, "What the f*** is going on?" or Understanding the finer points.

Here the author lists positions and formations teams can use but some of the gems this segment contains are quite brilliant. The 4-5-4 formation — "This occurs when the opposition have been given permission to field three extra players for the day. To help you spot who these additional players are one carries a whistle and the other two have flags!" How many times have you seen this formation at the game? Or how's this: Sweeper — In Britain a player who tries to clean up the mess made by his team mates, on the continent an elegant player who orchestrates every move.

Indeed this book is quite remarkable in many ways. The humour is new as opposed to the usual stuff, it's inventive, very close to home and extremely funny.

As books on following footie and supporters go it leaves a lot for dead and is not in the same mould as the "serious attempts" to explain what being a supporter is all about. On usually finds that books will have a "dead area" somewhere within the pages but This Supporting Life certainly did not as far as I find anyway. It gave me immense pleasure and is thoroughly enjoyable.

Steve Lorenzon (Norwich City Rep in NSW) had this to say: "The Baldwin book is a masterpiece. No truer book on football has ever been written. The cartoon depicting the vulture hovering over the pie and hotdog outlier is the spitting image of the mercenary who sold those cold

tasteless things outside Carrow Road! Maybe it was a management plot to harden us up when things got dicey? The vendor has probably been assassinated by now but the book is written by a true fan of the game."

High praise indeed and I concur with every word. This book is not available in Australia but we can get hold of it if there is enough interest.

We can bulk order this publication from the UK and including Airmail postage it will cost you just \$20 per copy (it actually retails for \$17.95 but we include internal postage in the price). If you never read another book about football supporters, make sure you read this one for fun, humour, talent and above all truth! Extremely good read but don't just take our word for it, find out for yourselves today!

Cheques/money orders to UKSSD and send to P.O. Box 56, Kingsway West, NSW 2208.

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	STH SPRINGVALE	BRIGHTON	17
	STH. WANTIRNA	CRANBOURNE	18
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MATCH RESULTS

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VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	BENT. GREENS	RICHMOND	1	4-0
	B'MEADOWS CITY	OAKLEIGH	2	1-3
	CLARINDA	NORTHCOTE C.	3	2-1
	CROYDON CITY	WESTGATE	4	4-2
	FRANKSTON P.	CAULFIELD CITY	5	0-1
	WESTERN SUBS.	KNOX CITY	6	1-0
	ALTONA CITY	EAST ALTONA	7	0-3
VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2	CHELSEA	RINGWOOD C.	8	3-2
	CLIFTON HILL	WAVERLEY	9	0-1
	E. BRUNS. R.	REGENT	10	5-2
	E. RICHMOND	MOORABBIN	11	0-4
	MOOROOLBARK	BELL PARK	12	1-2
	SPRINGVALE W.	NUNAWADING C.	13	1-0
	ELTHAM UTD	SEAFORD UTD	14	1-3
VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 3	FITZROY CITY	SUNBURY UTD	15	1-0
	KEILOR EAGLES	PASCOE VALE	16	1-0
	MELBOURNE C.	S. DANDENONG	17	0-2
	STH CAULFIELD	BANYULE	18	1-3
	WESTVALE	FRANKSTON	19	3-1
	BAYSWATER	PERTH	20	1-1
	SWAN I.C.	SORRENTO	21	2-1
WA DIV. 1	ASHFIELD	SOUTHSIDE	22	2-1
	BASSEDEAN	NORTH PERTH	23	0-2
	MELVILLE	COCKBURN	24	1-0
	MORLEY	KINGSWAY	25	2-2
	ROCKINGHAM	DIANELLA	26	0-1
	S. VARDAR	BALCATT	27	0-2
	CAMPBELLTOWN	PORT LION	28	1-1
VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 4	CROYDON	ADELAIDE R.	29	1-1
	SALISBURY	BLUE EAGLES	30	0-0
	WOODVILLE	MODBURY	31	5-1
	ADELAIDE C.	W.T. BIRKALLA	32	2-0
	CUMBERLAND	W. ADELAIDE	33	0-2
	NOARLUNGA	PARA HILLS	34	1-2
	OLYMPIANS	SEAFORD	35	1-0
SA STATE LEAGUE	PLYMPTON	ELIZABETH	36	0-2
	ANERLEY	REDLANDS	37	2-1
	NEWMARKET	CAPALABA	38	1-5

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NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED									
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 512 SAT. MAY 20, 1995

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):

20, 25, 28, 29, 30, 34.

Supplementary Number 12.

AUSTRALIAN TABLES

VICTORIA STATE TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moorabbin City	9	7	2	0	20	4	23
Waverley City	9	6	2	1	24	6	20
E. Brun. Royals	9	7	2	0	30	13	20
Sp. White Eag	9	5	3	1	16	9	18
East Richmond	9	4	3	2	10	12	15
Altona East	9	4	2	3	17	9	14
Chelsea	9	4	1	4	15	17	13
Regent Bulla	9	2	4	3	9	13	10
Bell Park	9	3	1	5	10	19	10
Altona City	9	2	3	4	9	14	7
Ringwood City	9	2	1	6	11	16	7
Mooolbark	9	0	5	4	7	19	5
Nunawading C	9	0	5	4	5	17	5
Clifton Hill	9	0	0	9	2	17	0

WEST. AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westn Knights	5	5	0	0	22	2	15
Kingsway Oly	6	3	2	1	13	4	11
Dianella WE	5	3	1	1	10	3	10
Melville Corint	6	3	1	2	3	2	10
Bassendean C	6	3	0	3	7	12	9
Ashfield	6	2	2	2	11	8	8
Cockburn Utd	6	2	1	3	11	14	7
Balcatta	5	2	1	3	6	20	7
Morley Wind	6	1	3	2	12	12	6
Stirling Vardar	6	1	2	3	5	10	5
Rockingham C	6	0	4	2	5	14	4
Southside Utd	6	0	3	3	5	11	3

SA PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Salisbury Utd	9	5	2	2	12	7	17
Raiders	9	4	3	2	14	10	15
White City Warr	9	4	2	3	17	11	14
Adelaide Blue E	9	4	2	3	21	17	14
Croydon	9	3	4	2	17	15	13
Port Adelaide	9	2	5	2	12	15	11
Campbelltown C9	2	1	6	11	18	7	
Modbury	9	1	3	5	13	24	6

SA STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
West Adelaide	8	5	1	2	12	7	16
Para Hills	7	5	1	1	10	5	16
Elizabeth City	9	4	4	1	14	10	16
West Torrens	7	4	2	1	14	6	14
Adelaide City	8	4	1	3	15	12	13
Cumberland Utd	2	4	2	12	11	10	
Plympton	8	3	1	4	12	11	10
Olympians	8	3	1	4	12	12	10
Enfield City	8	2	3	3	11	14	9
Noarlunga Utd	9	1	2	6	12	23	5
Seaford	8	0	2	6	6	19	2

QUEENSLAND DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Capalaba	10	9	1	0	25	9	28
Albany Creek	10	7	0	3	27	8	21
The Gap	10	6	1	3	23	12	19
Slacks Creek	10	5	3	2	21	9	18
Mitchellton	10	5	1	4	18	15	16
Annerley Rec	10	5	0	5	16	18	15
Newmarket	10	4	2	4	14	14	14
Goodna & Dist	10	4	1	5	14	18	13
Redlands Utd	10	3	2	5	10	16	11
Clairvaux	10	2	1	7	11	27	7
Latrobe Ath	10	1	3	6	14	21	6
North Pine Utd	10	1	1	8	5	31	4

VICTORIA STATE THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	9	7	1	1	28	9	22
Sth Dandenong	9	7	1	1	27	8	22
Melb. City	9	6	1	2	21	12	19
Sth Werribee	9	5	3	1	18	11	18
Elk Dia Valley	9	4	3	2	11	9	15
Keilor Eagles	9	3	5	1	9	5	14
Fitzroy City	9	4	1	4	9	12	13
Sth Caulfield	9	4	1	4	8	11	13
Frankston	9	3	1	5	16	20	10
Seaford Utd	9	3	1	5	12	25	10
Pascoe Vale	9	2	1	6	13	16	7
Banyule	9	2	1	6	14	25	7
Sunbury Utd	9	1	2	6	16	17	5
Sandringham	9	6	2	7	6	18	-1

VICTORIA STATE FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sth Springvale	9	6	3	0	14	4	21
Geelong	9	6	2	1	26	7	20
Cranbourne	9	5	3	1	21	7	18
Stonnington	9	4	2	3	11	11	14
Williamstown	9	4	1	3	9	8	13
Corio	9	3	4	2	11	18	13
Monbulk	8	3	3	2	12	8	12
Sth Wantirna	9	4	0	5	14	15	12
Yarraville	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Langwarrin	9	3	1	5	13	17	10
Sun. Heights	9	3	3	3	11	11	9
Nth Coburg Utd	9	1	4	4	9	13	7
Doveton	9	1	3	5	7	19	6
Brighton	9	0	1	8	3	20	1

WEST. AUSTRALIA DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Swan IC	5	4	0	1	18	8	12
Spearwood Dal	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
Sorrento SC	5	2	2	1	16	10	8
Bayswater City	6	2	2	2	10	18	8
Perth SC	4	2	1	1	7	6	7

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

Brentford: Promising a bright future

Brentford were formed in 1889, turning professional a decade later.

They first played behind the Wesleyan Chapel at Clifden Road. They played at four other grounds before moving permanently to Griffin Park in 1904. They played in the Southern League until 1920s mass exodus to the football league.

Their first season in Division Three, that of 1920/21, saw Brentford finish second last. Through the 1920s the bees were just another average third division south side. In 1929/30 Brentford changed this perception by winning all 21 of their home games. But Plymouth won five more away games than Brentford's seven, and so the bees finished runners up. They finished third in 1930/31, fifth in 1931/32,



finally taking out third division south in 1933. Jack Holliday scored 38 league goals that season, plus one in the FA Cup, to set a new club record. In one match in January 1993 Holliday scored five goals and Brentford still did not win, drawing 5-5 with Luton.

Brentford came fourth in the second division in 1933/34, and improved even

more a season later to win Division Two by five points. In 1934 saw another Brentford player score five goals in one game, this time it was Billy Scott as his side thumped Barnsley 8-1. In 1949 Peter McKennan would become the only other Brentford player to achieve this personal feat.

In the 1934/35 Division Two championship season

they were again undefeated at home but did draw twice, to Plymouth Argyle (who finished sixth) and Nottingham Forest (who finished ninth). In 1935/36 the club finished in its highest ever place of fifth in Division One, 10 points off the top. For the following two seasons the side finished sixth. In 1938's FA Cup the club made the sixth round for the first time. The 36,626 people at Griffin Park saw Brentford lose 0-3 to eventual cup winners Preston North End. The bees would make the FA Cup sixth round again in 1946, 1949, and 1989. They lost in 1946 and 1949 to the eventual cup losing finalists, and 1989's defeat was to Liverpool, who won that year's FA Cup.

The first league season after WWII Brentford finished second last. For two seasons they struggled to

avoid relegation a second time. In 1954 they did get relegated to the third division. In January 1957 Brentford lost to Walsall 0-7, a score first set by Swansea against Brentford in 1924. In 1957/58 Brentford came runners up, a win behind champions Brighton and HA.

Had Brighton lost to Watford, not beaten them, Brentford would have won the title on goal difference. (Mind you Brighton did win that game 6-0!). A year later, 1959 Brentford finished third in Division Three, four points from promotion. In 1962 saw Brentford relegated to Division Four for the first time. They won Division Four on the first attempt.

Back in Division Three in 1963/64 things started well, in October defeating Wrexham 9-0. Things fell away and Brentford finished

LEAGUE HONOURS

NICKNAME: Bees
HONOURS: Division Two: 1934/35
Division Three South: 1932/33
Division Three: 1991/92
Division Four: 1962/63
GROUND: Griffin Park, Braemar Rd, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 0NT.

16th. In 1964/65 Brentford missed out on promotion by two points, the following year was not as good as Brentford came second last. In 1967 QPR wanted to redevelop Griffin Park, a year later Brentford announced they were to move to Hillingdon Borough, something they did not end up doing.

In 1971/72 Brentford came third to win promotion back to Division Three, but fell straight back down. This time Brentford remained in Division Four until winning promotion by coming fourth in 1977/78. They just avoided relegation in 1983/84, just when they had expected better success after

making the fourth round of the League Cup for the first, and only time in 1982/83. The 1983 season was not helped when Griffin Park's main stand was two thirds burnt down in February.

In 1991/92 Brentford won the third division title by a point over Birmingham. They were promoted to the newly named Division One but lost out in their new division, taking the third relegation spot. In 1993/94 the side finished 16th in Division Two.

Griffin Park now has a capacity of 13,870, 4000 of which are seats. This season has shown there are more promising signs of future success for Brentford FC.

F.A. CUP FINALS - All the Results

1872 - Wanderers 1, Royal Engineers 0
1873 - Wanderers 2, Oxford University 0
1874 - Oxford University 2, Royal Engineers 0
1875 - Royal Engineers 2, Old Etonians 0 (replay, after 1-1 draw)
1876 - Wanderers 3, Old Etonians 0 (replay, after 1-1 draw)
1877 - Wanderers 2, Oxford University 1, extra time
1878 - Wanderers 3, Royal Engineers 1
1879 - Old Etonians 1, Clapham Rovers 0
1880 - Clapham Rovers 1, Oxford University 0
1881 - Old Carthusians 3, Old Etonians 0
1882 - Old Etonians 1, Blackburn Rovers 0
1883 - Blackburn Olympic 2, Old Etonians 1, extra time
1884 - Blackburn Rovers 2, Queen's Park, Glasgow 1
1885 - Blackburn Rovers 2, Queen's Park, Glasgow 0
1886 - B'burn R. 2, W. Bromwich Albion 0 (replay, after 0-0 draw)
1887 - Aston Villa 2, West Bromwich Albion 0
1888 - West Bromwich Albion 2, Preston North End 1
1889 - Preston North End 3, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
1890 - Blackburn Rovers 6, Sheffield Wednesday 1
1891 - Blackburn Rovers 3, Notts County 1
1892 - West Bromwich Albion 3, Everton 2
1893 - Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Everton 0
1894 - Notts County 4, Bolton Wanderers 1
1895 - Aston Villa 1, West Bromwich Albion 0
1896 - Sheffield Wednesday 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1
1897 - Aston Villa 3, Everton 2
1898 - Nottingham Forest 3, Derby County 1
1899 - Sheffield United 4, Derby County 1
1900 - Bury 4, Southampton 0
1901 - Tottenham Hotspur 3, Sheffield United (replay, after 2-2 draw)
1902 - Sheffield Utd 2, Southampton 1 (replay, after 1-1 draw)
1903 - Bury 6, Derby County 0
1904 - Manchester City 1, Bolton Wanderers 0
1905 - Aston Villa 2, Newcastle United 0
1906 - Everton 1 Newcastle United 0
1907 - Sheffield Wednesday 2, Everton 1
1908 - Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Newcastle United 1
1909 - Manchester United 1, Bristol City 0
1910 - Newcastle United 2, Barnsley (replay, after 1-1 draw)

1911 - Bradford C. 1, Newcastle Utd 0 (replay, after 0-0 draw)
1912 - Barnsley 1, West Bromwich Albion 0, extra time
1913 - Aston Villa 1, Sunderland 0 (replay, after 0-0 draw)
1914 - Burnley 1, Liverpool 0
1915 - Sheffield United 3, Chelsea 0
1916 - 1919 - WWII
1920 - Aston Villa 1, Huddersfield Town 0, extra time
1921 - Tottenham Hotspur 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
1922 - Huddersfield Town 1, Preston North End 0
1923 - Bolton Wanderers 2, West Ham United 0
1924 - Newcastle United 2, Aston Villa 0
1925 - Sheffield United 1, Cardiff City 0
1926 - Bolton Wanderers 1, Manchester City 0
1927 - Cardiff City 1, Arsenal 0
1928 - Blackburn Rovers 3, Huddersfield Town 1
1929 - Bolton Wanderers 2, Portsmouth 0
1930 - Arsenal 2, Huddersfield Town 0
1931 - West Bromwich Albion 2, Birmingham 1
1932 - Newcastle United 2, Arsenal 1
1933 - Everton 3, Manchester City 0
1934 - Manchester City 2, Portsmouth 1
1935 - Sheffield Wednesday 4, West Bromwich Albion 2
1936 - Arsenal 1, Sheffield United 0
1937 - Sunderland 3, Preston North End 1
1938 - Preston North End 1, Huddersfield Town 0, extra time
1939 - Portsmouth 4, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1
1940 - 1945 - WWII
1946 - Derby County 4, Charlton Athletic 1, extra time
1947 - Charlton Athletic 1, Burnley 0, extra time
1948 - Manchester United 4, Blackpool 2
1949 - Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Leicester City 1
1950 - Arsenal 2, Liverpool 0
1951 - Newcastle United 2, Blackpool 0
1952 - Newcastle United 1, Arsenal 0
1953 - Blackpool 4, Bolton Wanderers 3
1954 - West Bromwich Albion 3, Preston North End 2
1955 - Newcastle United 3, Manchester City 1
1956 - Manchester City 3, Birmingham City 1
1957 - Aston Villa 2, Manchester United 1

1958 - Bolton Wanderers 2, Manchester United 0
1959 - Nottingham Forest 2, Luton Town 1
1960 - Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Blackburn Rovers 0
1961 - Tottenham Hotspur 2, Leicester City 0
1962 - Tottenham Hotspur 3, Burnley 1
1963 - Manchester United 3, Leicester City 1
1964 - West Ham United 3, Preston North End 2
1965 - Liverpool 2, Leeds United 1, extra time
1966 - Everton 3, Sheffield Wednesday 2
1967 - Tottenham Hotspur 2, Chelsea 1
1968 - West Bromwich Albion 1, Everton 0, extra time
1969 - Manchester City 1, Leicester City 0
1970 - Chelsea 2, Leeds Utd 1, extra time (replay, after 2-2 draw)
1971 - Arsenal 2, Liverpool 1, extra time
1972 - Leeds United 1, Arsenal 0
1973 - Sunderland 1, Leeds United 0
1974 - Liverpool 3, Newcastle United 0
1975 - West Ham United 2, Fulham 0
1976 - Southampton 1, Manchester United 0
1977 - Manchester United 2, Liverpool 1
1978 - Ipswich Town 1, Arsenal 0
1979 - Arsenal 3, Manchester United 2
1980 - West Ham United 1, Arsenal 0
1981 - Tottenham Hotspur 3, Manchester C. 2 (replay, after 1-1 draw)
1982 - Tottenham Hotspur 1, Queen's Park R. 0 (replay, after 1-1 draw)
1983 - Man. Utd 4, Brighton & Hove Albion 0 (replay, after 2-2 draw)
1984 - Everton 2, Watford 0
1985 - Manchester United 1, Everton 0, extra time
1986 - Liverpool 3, Everton 1
1987 - Coventry City 3, Tottenham Hotspur 2, extra time
1988 - Wimbledon 1, Liverpool 0
1989 - Liverpool 3, Everton 2, extra time
1990 - Manchester Utd 1, Crystal Pal. 0 (replay, after 3-3 draw)
1991 - Tottenham Hotspur 2, Nottingham Forest 1
1992 - Liverpool 2, Sunderland 0
1993 - Arsenal 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1 (replay, after 1-1 draw)
1994 - Manchester United 4, Chelsea 0

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